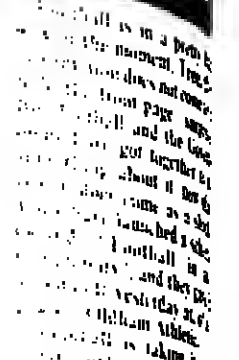


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Unions warn Kinnock on nuclear freeze

The TUC narrowly rejected a motion urging a halt to the Government's nuclear power programme

The call by the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group for concerted action on South Africa was endorsed

A warning was given of action by teachers if cash to settle the pay dispute is not forthcoming (Reports: page 4)

By Nicholas Wood and Mark Ellis

Leaders of the unions representing workers in Britain's nuclear power industry yesterday served notice on Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, that they will fight relentlessly against his policy of winding down their industry.

The debate, which included stinging attacks on Mr Scargill by leaders of unions with thousands of members in nuclear power plants, took place against the background of urgent moves by Labour spokesmen to correct a newspaper report that Mr Kinnock was opposed to phasing out, albeit slowly, the country's 38 atomic plants.

The Labour leader's office took the unusual step of issuing a statement in advance of formal publication shortly after a party policy document approved by the national executive committee to go before the Blackpool conference.

It said: "In its timing, Labour's approach is practical. There is no point in deceiving people or frightening them."

"Nuclear power generation cannot simply be switched off immediately, or even quickly."

The threat to an estimated 140,000 jobs in the industry provoked a noisy demonstration outside the TUC conference by about 200 power workers and led to a trial of strength in the hall.

With the Chernobyl disaster in the Soviet Union still fresh in delegates' minds, much the best debate of the week included detailed exchanges on the nuclear industry's safety record, environmental factors, cost comparisons and future energy demands.

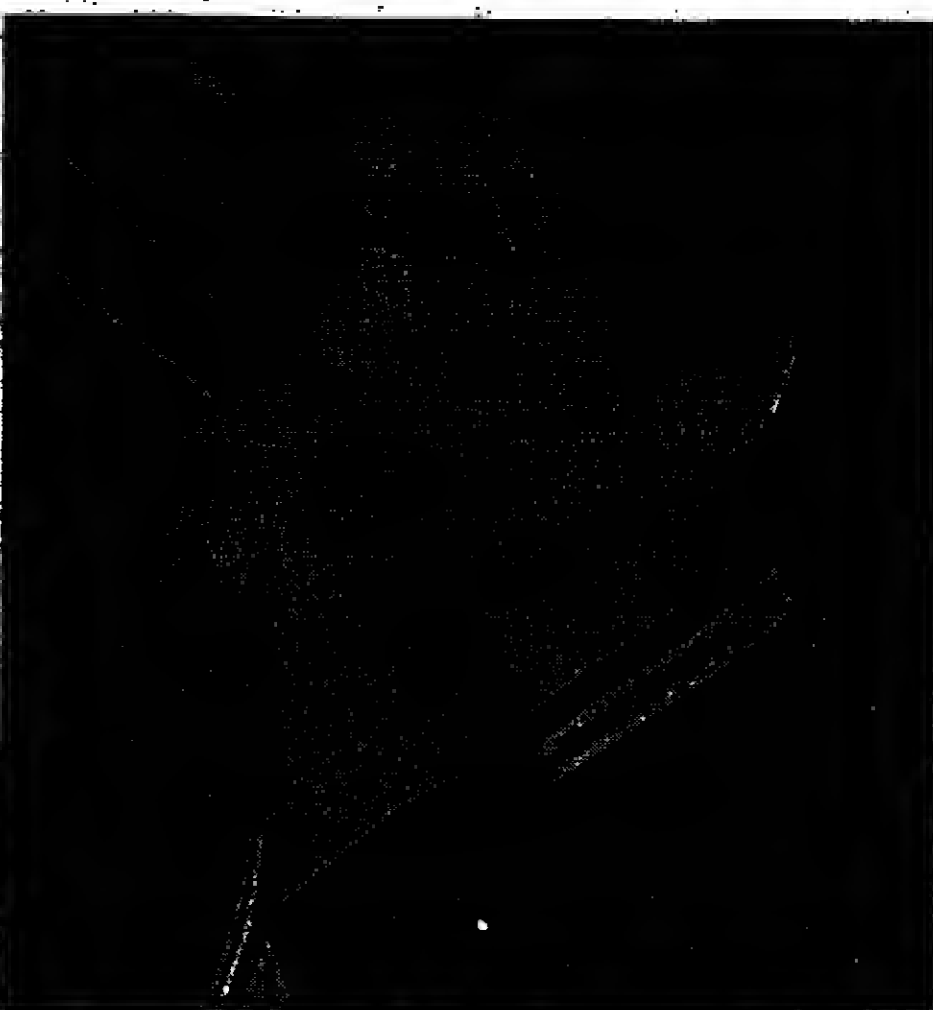
But jobs provoked the most telling intervention when Mr Laird, general secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, warned Mr Scargill and a further Labour Government that they would fight any attempt to crush the industry.

"Why is it that we see trade union leaders out to denigrate an industry, a high-technology industry, an industry with 140,000 people, an industry that can supply energy cheaper than any other form of fuel, including coal?"

"Why is it that we are now importing from France the equivalent of a power station, 1,600 megawatts? Why is it that we are building a second cable and we will soon be importing more power from France?"

"The reason is the vast bulk of electricity generated in France is from nuclear plant."

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George Stephenson leaving Lynton police station yesterday. (Photograph Chris Harris)

Police break up attempt to hold Soweto mass funeral

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Attempts by Soweto residents to hold a mass funeral and burial of those killed in last week's police shootings were forcibly prevented yesterday by the police and Army, who used teargas and possibly other means to break up what they described as "illegal gatherings".

But lawyers said that the restrictions imposed last Tuesday on the holding of the funeral by the Divisional Commissioner of Police for Soweto, Brigadier Gideon Laubscher, were illegal because of a judgement yesterday morning by the Natal division of the Supreme Court.

The restrictions were imposed in terms of section 7(4)(d) of the state of emergency proclamation of June 12. This was one of the clauses of the emergency regulations declared invalid by the court.

Lawyers said the judgement applied outside Natal as well until a court of equal standing in another province took a different view.

On Wednesday night, an Anglican Archbishop, the Rev David Nkomo, failed in an application to the Rand Supreme Court to have the funeral restrictions set aside. It would seem that had the Natal ruling come a day earlier, this application would have succeeded.

In the Johannesburg area, about 80 per cent of workers from Soweto, the sprawling black ghetto to the south-west of the city, were estimated to have stayed away from work yesterday. The "stay-away" was in part a voluntary protest to show solidarity with the bereaved families, and was in part enforced by militant youths.

Gangs of youngsters stoned and petrol-bombed buses and trains taking people who did not observe the "stay-away" to work. Witnesses said that a woman was killed at the Orlando West station in Soweto when youths, who attacked commuters with whips, chased her and she fell in front of a train.

Helicopters constantly circled overhead and there was a massive police and army presence on the ground in Soweto, particularly in the Jabavu district, the scene of most of last week's violence, during which the police shot dead 20 people, by the official count.

Regulations re-imposed on September 3 by the South African Government prohibit all journalists from reporting or commenting without official authorization on security force actions, or from being on the scene, or "within sight", of such actions or of any race, public disturbance or violence, unlawful gatherings, assemblies or processions. Similar restrictions already applied to all film and sound reporters.

Journalists were prevented from covering the disturbances in Soweto on the spot by the newly promulgated press regulations.

LONDON: Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, will fly to Washington next Tuesday for talks with Mr George Bush, the Vice-President, and senior members of the US Government (Rodney Cowton writes).

It will follow a weekend of informal discussions with EEC Foreign Ministers, which are expected to be dominated by the possibility of imposing economic measures against South Africa.

Sir Geoffrey, who will be going as President of the EEC Council of Ministers, will remain in Washington for two days.

Murder hunt man gives up

By Michael Hornsoll

George Stephenson, the former servant wanted by murder squad detectives investigating the five Hampshire country house killings, gave himself up yesterday.

The former handyman, to the Cleaver family made a 999 call from a telephone box on a camp-site and surrendered to two uniformed officers.

Later, as police pieced together his movements, it emerged that he had stayed with two women on the camp-site and indulged in a four-hour pub crawl in the Hampshire town of Brockenhurst before giving himself up.

Stephenson, aged 35, who was sacked by the retired London publisher Joseph Cleaver on August 8 for his drunken behaviour, was taken to Lynton Police Station and later transferred to police headquarters at Winchester for questioning, after being allowed to sleep overnight.

Two other men, who were detained separately during the day in Coventry, were also transferred to Winchester for questioning about a Rover car which Stephenson had hired the day before the murders.

Stephenson, who separated from his wife, Julie, last month after his dismissal, shaved off his moustache and cut his hair.

The 999 call was made from a phone box at the Roundhill camp-site in Forestry Commission land about a mile from Brockenhurst.

The two arresting policemen who responded to the call in a patrol car were later joined by other officers.

A warden at the huge 700-unit site, which is set among conifers, said that staff had not seen Stephenson on the £3-a-day site. Stephenson, who is known locally as a ladies' man, left for Coventry, where he hired the red Rover car, C352 YRW, on Monday. He returned the car to the hire firm in Coventry on Tuesday.

Det. Chief Supt. Alan Wheeler, leading the inquiry, said that Stephenson is believed to have returned the 180 miles to the Brockenhurst camp-site on Tuesday.

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Disaster skippers held in custody

From Christopher Walker

Moscow

The Soviet authorities announced last night that the captains of both the cruise liner and cargo ship which collided in the Black Sea last Sunday night, causing nearly 400 deaths, are now in custody in the port of Novorossiysk where the official commission of inquiry is based.

Details of the arrests were given at a special news conference called by Mr Albert Vlavcov, a leading member of the Communist Party's propaganda department and followed a personal order from Mr Gurbachov, the Kremlin leader, that full information about the disaster and its aftermath should be released.

The two detained captains will be subject to an investigation and later referred to a Soviet court for trial.

No official information was available about the maximum penalties which they might face, but Western sources believe these will be heavy.

The two were named as Vadim Markov, master of the 61-year-old liner Admiral Nakhimov, and Viktor Tkachenko, master of the bulk carrier Pyotr Vasev.

During the televised press conference, the second called by the Kremlin since the disaster, Mr Vlavcov said it had been determined that the stricken liner remained afloat for only six to eight minutes before going under, rather than the 15 minutes originally thought. Both vessels had been moving at about 10 knots.

Already the investigating commission, headed by the Politburo member Mr Geidar Aliyev, has conducted more than 400 interviews, but the two captains are the only people under arrest.

Mr Vlavcov hinted last night that under Soviet maritime law a cargo vessel should have given way to a passenger liner whatever the circumstances.

Details of the commission's findings would be made public, he said.

Reporters were told that the confirmed death toll had risen to 380.

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Portfolio

Three readers shared the £4,000 prize in The Times Portfolio Gold competition yesterday. Mr Terry Screeton, of Leeds; Mrs G.E. Hope, of Paignton, Devon; and Mr P. Bheanick, of Tottenham, north London. Details, page 3.

There is another £4,000 to be won today. Portfolio list, page 25; rules and how to play, information service, page 20.

Gadaffi rocks Harare summit

Colonel Gadaffi, the Libyan leader, flew out of Harare after causing consternation at the Non-Aligned Movement's summit by declaring that it had become "an international farce" and that some of its states were "spies and traitors". He said he was ready to form an international force to "spread fire under the feet of America". Page 9

Pleas backed

Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, favours allowing prosecutors to appeal against over-lenient sentences, according to the Campaign against Drinking and Driving. Page 2

Growth ahead

There are signs of renewed economic growth despite recent gloomy forecasts, Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, told the Scottish Confederation of British Industry in Glasgow. Page 17

Journalist plea

Mr Nicholas Daniloff, the American journalist held in Moscow, does not want the US to swap him for the suspected Soviet spy, Mr Gennady Zakharov. Russians silent, page 8

Crowded skies

A US air traffic controller said it was a miracle there were not more collisions in the overcrowded skies of Los Angeles. Page 10

Jenkins storm

The Bishop of Durham, the Right Rev David Jenkins, faces renewed controversy from a group of North-east clergymen after his recent address to the General Synod. Page 5

Row over Militant collection

By Our Political Staff

Members of the Militant Tendency among the 1,100 delegates attending the Trades Union Congress conference in Brighton have been ordered to donate £30 out of their week's expenses allowance to a special fighting fund, it was disclosed yesterday.

The money raised will be used to help pay the legal costs of Mr John Macreadie, the member of the Trotskyite organization at the centre of a ballot-rigging row in the Civil and Public Services Association.

Mrs Kate Losinska, vice president of the CPSA, is calling for an inquiry into how the money, given by the union to delegates to cover their week in Brighton, is being used.

Collections have been taking place in the conference hall among delegations with Militant members and sympathizers, who have booked into cheap beds and breakfast hotels.

Most have been taken discreetly, though an envelope was clearly seen passing around among the 13 Militants in the CPSA's 30-strong delegation.

Mr Macreadie is facing legal bills of £10,000 after failing in an attempt in the High Court to win a ruling enabling him to take up his new job as the general secretary of the country's biggest Civil Service union. His executive has blocked him from assuming office pending an inquiry into alleged voting irregularities.

The donation swallows up around one-third of the £163 that CPSA delegates get from their union to cover their week in Brighton.

Mrs Losinska said: "What they do with their own money is their affair, but this cash has been given to provide decent meals and accommodation."

"It is the members' money and it is scandalous that it should be handed over to an organization dedicated to undermining other unions and the Labour Party."

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Babies 'die because of NHS cuts'

By Jill Siskens

Doctors are being told to allow very small premature babies to die because treatment is too expensive, a child specialist claimed last night.

Neonatal units all over the country are turning away tiny babies who are seriously ill because of cut backs in staff and paediatricians say, that despite five national reports over the past 15 years urging improved care, British neonatal care remains inadequate, understaffed and under-equipped.

Dr Peter Fleming, consultant paediatrician at the Bristol Royal Hospital for Sick Children, said yesterday that incubators were standing empty and equipment was lying idle in special baby care units throughout the country.

His unit was half empty but the hospital had had to turn away several babies over the past few months. "We are between 30 and 50 per cent short of staff at both our units in Bristol," said Dr Fleming.

Dr Fleming said that administrators had reproached him for treating so many babies. "They say: 'If you let the children die they wouldn't need intensive care for so long.' The loss of a small baby causes less grief in society than someone else."

A national study, co-ordinated by St George's Hospital in London, is being carried out in maternity departments to determine the number of deaths among premature babies turned away from special care baby units because of staff shortages.

Dr Brian Speidel, consultant paediatrician at Southmead General Hospital, Bristol, said that the problem had worsened due to the success in neonatal intensive care. Writing in the British Medical Journal this week, Dr Speidel said: "The best centres 80 per cent of babies born at 28 weeks gestation survive, as do half of those born at 28 weeks."

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Prince tells of teaching needs

The Prince of Wales, above, told an audience of 18,000 academics and former Harvard students at the opening of the celebration of the university's 350th anniversary yesterday that modern education has lost sight of the need to produce balanced individuals. Page 20

Heroin and drink mix killed Olivia Channon

A verdict of death by misadventure was recorded yesterday for Miss Olivia Channon, aged 23, daughter of Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, who died from heroin and alcohol after celebrating the end of her exams at Oxford University.

The inquest verdict came as six people who were arrested after her death appeared at Oxford Magistrates' Court charged with various drug offences. Reports, page 3

£115m loss at Lloyd's

Lloyd's of London, the world's largest insurer, suffered trading losses of £115 million on its insurance activities, according to the annual accounts published yesterday. Income and gains on insurance premiums and names (members) investments convert the losses into an overall profit of £36 million for the year. Lloyd's results are traditionally calculated three years in arrears, so the figures relate to 1983. Heavy losses from the stricken PCW syndicates, asbestos claims in America and the effects of Hurricane Alicia also hit Lloyd's badly.

Profits from the motor business dropped heavily. Details, page 21 PCW blow, page 27

US questions Fleming

US prosecutors investigating a drug smuggling operation have been given until next Friday to examine the passport of John Robert Fleming, the Briton wanted by Scotland Yard for questioning about a £26 million Brinks-Mat robbery.

The court ruling in Miami by Judge James Kehoe has stalled another demand that Fleming leave the US by midnight last night or face deportation to Britain. Report, page 10

Does Your Memory Fail You?

A WORLD-FAMOUS memory expert, who has trained industrialists, trades unionists, businessmen, professional men, salesmen, housewives and students to improve their memories, said:

"Many people are embarrassed by a poor memory, and find difficulty in concentrating, whilst others realise that they lose business, academic and social opportunities not only because they cannot remember accurately everything they see, hear or read, but also because they cannot think or express their thoughts, clearly, logically and concisely. Some seek advice, but many do not, mainly because they believe their memories cannot be improved."

Rapid Results

According to this remarkable man, anyone - regardless of his present skill - can, in just 20 minutes a day, improve his memory and concentration to a remarkable degree. For example, you need never forget another appointment ever! You can learn names, faces, facts, figures and foreign languages faster than you ever thought possible. You will be able to imprint whole books on your memory after a single reading. You'll be more successful in your studies and examinations. At parties and dinners you'll never again be at a loss for appropriate words or entertaining stories. In fact, you'll be more poised and self-confident in everything you say and do.

Free

To acquaint all readers of The Times with the easy-to-follow rules for developing skill in remembering, we, the publishers, have printed full details of this interesting self-training method in a fascinating book, "Adventures in Memory", sent free on request. No obligation. No salesman will call. Just fill in and return the coupon on Page 9 (you don't even need to stamp your envelope), or write to: Memory and Concentration Studies, (Dept. TSM3), FREEPOST Manchester M3 8BA.

New Technique

And yet, he went on to explain, he has devised a new, simple technique which can improve even the poorest memory. What's more, it works like magic to give you







# Inquest pieces together the wild celebrations which led to the death of a minister's daughter

## Party cocktail of heroin and alcohol killed Channon girl

By Robin Young

A coroner said yesterday that Miss Olivia Channon, daughter of Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, was not necessarily a drug addict but was "no stranger" to drugs.

Miss Channon, aged 22, was found dead on a bed in the flat of Count Gottfried von Bismarck at Christ Church College, Oxford, in June after an end of examinations party.

Mr Nicholas Gardiner, the Oxford coroner, recorded a verdict of death by misadventure.

The inquest, held shortly after five people arrested during the inquiry into her death had appeared in court, pieced together the evening on which Miss Channon "crashed out" after her final examinations.

Mr Gardiner said: "I have heard no evidence that suggests that Olivia Channon in any sense intended her own death. She came out of the exams cheerful and apparently looking forward to a good party."

"She was an intelligent young woman and could hardly be unaware of the effect that drugs can have on the human body. The human body is capable of taking remarkable punishment, but there are limits."

Mr Gardiner had been told that when Miss Channon left the examinations centre at 5.30pm she was met by friends with champagne. She brought more bottles on the way back to Count von Bismarck's rooms in Christ Church, where they drank them before going to the college buttry to drink until it closed.

Two witnesses said that Miss Channon ordered a pint of sherry at the buttry, although they could not be sure how much she drank.

The inquest heard evidence that Miss Channon took heroin in a bathroom outside

Count von Bismarck's room, before "crashing out" on the bed with Mr Nicholas Vincent, a postgraduate from St Peter's College who had been coaching her in history.

Mr Vincent told the inquest that he was extremely drunk but he remembered Miss Channon snoring "very loudly". She had not changed position when Count von Bismarck returned to the room at about 3am, or when he awoke later.

Only when he woke for a third time did he turn her on her back and realized that something was "dreadfully wrong."

Mr Vincent said that he had originally claimed to have returned to his college and slept in the bath because "I could not cope with the fact of having slept with Olivia beside me all night. I was not in an altogether balanced state."

Miss Rose Johnston, the dead girl's best friend, said that Miss Channon had intended to celebrate the end of her examinations by taking heroin. She knew that Miss Channon had heroin with her, which had been obtained in London.

Miss Johnston said that she had been concerned about Miss Channon's drug-taking, and had discussed it with three other people.

When the coroner asked whether she had discussed it with Miss Channon, she replied: "Anyone who knew Olivia would know that it was very difficult, because she knew in her own mind what she wanted to do. We talked about it on one occasion and she seemed very happy-go-lucky."

Count von Bismarck said that he did not see Miss Channon take heroin, and would have objected if it had happened in his room. But he was aware that she had taken drugs, and was not surprised that she should do so after her examinations.

Dr Michael Dunnill, of the John Radcliffe Hospital, who performed the post-mortem examination, said that death was caused by respiratory arrest as a consequence of heroin and alcohol, with amphetamines as a possible contributory factor. He ruled out the suggestion that Miss Channon died by swallowing her own vomit.

Dr Dunnill agreed with Mr David Lederman, representing Miss Johnston, that death had resulted from a "deadly cocktail" of heroin and alcohol. He said it was not possible to say how much heroin Miss Channon had taken.



Five people arrested after the death of Miss Channon arrive at Oxford Magistrates' Court yesterday to face a variety of drug charges. Left to right, Count Gottfried von Bismarck, in whose college flat the student died; Sebastian Guinness, her cousin; Rosie Johnston, her best friend; Paul Dunstan and Nicholas Vincent

### Campaign on strokes launched

The Chest, Heart and Stroke Association launched its "Stroke Prevention Fortnight" yesterday by calling on GPs to introduce widespread checks to identify people who have risk factors for heart attack or stroke.

Stroke is the third biggest killer disease in Britain, with 100,000 cases a year, yet only 0.5 per cent of the money spent on research into cancer and 2.5 per cent of that spent on researching its cause and methods of prevention, the association says.

Its National Stroke Campaign is hoping to raise £2 million to help with research and to increase public awareness.

As part of its campaign to encourage prevention the association has sent about 5,000 packages to doctors all over the country to be distributed to their patients, providing health hints for people approaching retirement.

The project is being introduced by 18 other health authorities and the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association says it is hoping that the scheme will become widespread within a few years.

### Education changes Drugs guide for under-11s

By David Cross

The Health Education Council yesterday launched its first teaching course aimed specifically at helping nine to 11-year-olds cope with the growing drug problem.

At a press conference in London, the compilers of the bulky package of notes and colour slides, aimed at teachers, parents and primary schoolchildren, conceded that there was a risk of making drugs attractive merely by introducing the subject in the classroom. But they argued that a broad approach, particularly if parents were involved, should minimize the dangers and discourage drug abuse among children.

"Drug abuse in primary schools is not as big a problem as we are sometimes led to believe," Mr Jeff Lee, of the Teachers' Advisory Council on Alcohol and Drug Education, said. The council helped to compile the course. "But unless we put the emphasis on prevention and education, it could become a big problem," Mr Lee added.

The material is based on a successful project carried out in Wirral in Merseyside - an area renowned for drug abuse. All 93 primary schools in the area assisted in the scheme, which was heralded as a great success by the local education authority.

The package, which is divided into sections so that young children are spared the gruesome details of hard-drug problems, also covers the dangers of alcohol and nicotine addiction. The HEC said that a similar project on smoking had halved experimentation where it had been introduced. Health Education: Drugs and the Primary School Child (TACADE, Furness House, Trafford Road, Salford M5 2XJ; £33.95).

### Move to transfer Savage

By Jill Sherman

Professor Geddis Grudzinskas, the head of the obstetrics department at The London Hospital, has told the medical college that Mrs Wendy Savage should be transferred to another hospital in London for the next three to five years.

Speaking at a meeting of the hospital's academic board this week, Professor Grudzinskas made it clear that he would find it very difficult to work alongside Mrs Savage both in the labour wards and in the academic department. "I submit that reintegration could only be considered after the implementation of an option which includes vital components of time and distance to allow the wounds to heal," he told the board. "In this respect a position at the expense of the medical college should be found in London, if possible, for a period of three to five years with a view to full reintegration."

In July, an inquiry cleared Mrs Savage, who is also senior lecturer at the hospital's medical school, of five allegations of professional incompetence which led to a 16-month suspension. The health authority subsequently agreed to immediate reinstatement.

The academic board said it could come to no decisions about Mrs Savage's academic work until the Munro panel, which is looking into how Mrs Savage can resume her NHS work, makes its report later this month. The board decided instead to put forward three resolutions: that it welcomed the reinstatement of Mrs Savage; that it would give full support to Professor Grudzinskas and that it would look into the problem of the reintegration of Mrs Savage within the medical college curriculum.

### Portfolio Gold - Three win share in £4,000

Mrs Gwendoline Hope, from Preston, Devon, Mr Prem Bheerick, from Tottenham, north London, and Mr Terry Scretton, from Leeds, share yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mrs Hope, aged 60, who has been playing Portfolio Gold for about three months, said: "I could not believe that I had won, but my husband helped me check the numbers, and I had."

Mr Bheerick, aged 43, who works as an executive officer for the Department of Health and Social Security, said: "I have been planning a holiday in Mauritius for some time, and the money will come in very handy."

Mr Scretton, aged 32, a computer programmer and a keen golfer, said that he will be spending his share of the prize money on a new set of golf clubs. Readers who wish to play the game can obtain a Portfolio Gold card by sending a stamped addressed envelope to: Portfolio Gold, The Times, PO Box 40, Blackburn, BB1 6AJ.

### Push industry's image, heads told

By a Staff Reporter

Engineering and science students should be encouraged by paying them eight times as much grant as arts students, preparatory school heads were told yesterday.

A part of a teacher's formal training should include a period working in industry, so that children can be encouraged to enter manufacturing when they leave school, Mr Martin Jourdan, chairman of the furniture manufacturers Parker-Knoll, added in a speech to the annual conference of the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools.

He said he also believed that simple industrial economics should be introduced as a compulsory subject from primary school onwards. This would alter "the perception of children so that they regard a job in industry as being a secure and worthwhile occupation for life."

Mr Jourdan said: "We have to positively encourage education and sciences by biasing the polytechnic and university grants system in favour of such courses". If, for example, a maximum annual grant was £2,300, engineers and scientists might get £4,000 and art students £500.

### Rail policeman lost sight of eye, court told

A British Transport policeman lost the sight of one eye and his senses of smell and taste after he was brutally attacked by four youths, it was alleged at Nottingham Crown Court yesterday.

Officers who found Constable Neil Harvey, aged 28, early on October 26 last year, did not realize he was a policeman until they found his blood-stained tunic. Alan Richardson, aged 19, and his brother, Colin, aged 18, both of Beeston Road, Nottingham, with their step-brothers David James, aged 21, and John Melnichenko, aged 19, of Gregory Street, Lenton, Nottingham, deny attempted murder and causing grievous bodily harm with intent, and with intent to resist arrest. The trial continues.

### Women think doctors are 'unsympathetic'

By A Staff Reporter

About 10 per cent of women think that their family doctors are "unfriendly" and one in three regards them as brusque, cold and condescending, a survey published yesterday said.

The survey, based on a sample of 5,000 women, shows that many women find their doctors insensitive and unwilling to discuss their patients' problems.

Ten per cent felt they could not trust their doctor to keep a confidence. Details of the survey, published in the October issue of *Company* magazine, showed that many women favoured female doctors, who were considered more sympathetic than men, and likely to give the patient more time.

### Tourists 'should demand more'

By Alan Hamilton

Ten many dissatisfied package holidaymakers are accepting nominal amounts of compensation from tour operators instead of claiming bigger refunds, according to the Consumers' Association magazine, *Holiday Which?*

Tourists whose holidays have gone wrong accept amounts, often no more than £10, from some tour operators in the belief that they are lucky to get anything at all. The magazine urges those whose holidays have not lived up to their promise either to use the free conciliation service operated by the Association of British Travel Agents or to go to court.

A survey of 400 *Holiday Which?* readers who had claimed compensation since January 1984 showed that most had simply written to the tour operator concerned without seeking outside help. Only half were satisfied with the outcome. Standards of accommodation proved the most common complaint, followed by changes to accommodation or travel arrangements promised in the brochure.

But the magazine found that complaints about poor accommodation and misleading brochure descriptions were the least likely to reach an acceptable settlement. Dissatisfied clients can seek conciliation through the Association of British Travel Agents against any of its 500 member tour operators and claim up to £1,000 a person or £5,000 a booking form.

Since 1981 about 80 per cent of ABTA conciliations have found in favour of the customer. Amounts awarded if the case goes to the county court tend to be higher but less predictable. Support for the *Holiday Which?* view came yesterday from ABTA, which said it took "a dim view" of member companies which procrastinated over customers' complaints, or even refused to reply to letters.

Figures supplied to *The Times* by ABTA show that last year was a particularly bad year for complaints, with 11,895 made to member firms out of a total of 8.5 million package holidays.

In a separate admonition, *Holiday Which?* urges holidaymakers to beware of high-pressure salesmen for timeshare apartments at foreign resorts. It says that it has received many letters from angry Consumers' Association members who have been harassed by timeshare salesmen. Some members found themselves signing on the spot only to realize the extent of their financial commitment when they arrived home.

### Five remanded to face trial on drug charges

Six people appeared before Oxford magistrates yesterday charged with drug offences after the death of Miss Channon, and five will face a trial.

The six charged were: Count von Gottfried von Bismarck, aged 23; Rosie Johnston, aged 22; Sebastian Guinness, aged 22, a cousin of Miss Channon; Nicholas Vincent, aged 24; Cynthia Taylor, aged 38, who was fined yesterday; and Paul Dunstan, aged 31.

Mr Paul Harrison, for the prosecution, asked for Miss Johnston, Mr Guinness and Mr Dunstan to be tried at crown court as they were charged with supplying drugs, but said that he had no objection to Count von Bismarck, Mrs Taylor and Mr Vincent being dealt with by magistrates as they only faced possession charges.

The magistrates decided that Count von Bismarck should also be sent to crown court for trial. The count, who is charged with possessing cocaine and amphetamine sulphate, was remanded on £15,000 bail until September 25.

Miss Johnston, of Shellington House, near Faringdon, Oxfordshire, is charged with supplying heroin to Miss Channon, and possessing heroin, cocaine, cannabis and amphetamine sulphate. She

### Building society widens its service

There is no reason to overstate, Mr Tim Melville-Ross, chief general manager, said. "However, if at some stage in the future we believe we can improve upon the service being offered, then we shall certainly examine ways in which we can do so."

The new services include the provision of cheque books and guarantee cards, full insurance services, personal loans, unit trusts and pension plans, as well as estate agency. The Nationwide has already reached provisional agreement to acquire 20 estate

agency firms with 260 offices around the country, and expects the number to reach 350 early next year. If approved, the network will be headed by Mr Donald Storie, president of the National Association of Estate Agents and chairman of Donald Storie and Company, the largest firm of estate agents in Scotland, with 29 offices.

Mr Melville-Ross said a recent survey showed more than 40 per cent of people would prefer to use a building society for estate agency services.

"We believe it is in the interest of Nationwide's members for us to move towards providing them with a complete range of house-buying services by acquiring a national network of estate agents. This will enable us to make house purchase a much simpler process."

### Building society widens its service

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The Nationwide Building Society yesterday announced it will establish a national network of 350 estate agents' offices as part of a plan to provide a complete range of house-buying services - except conveyancing - by next year. The new Building Societies' Act is to be implemented on January 1, 1987.

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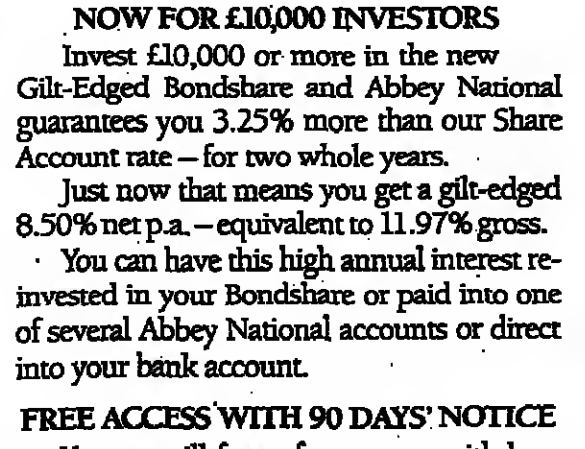
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# Call for nuclear power halt narrowly defeated

## COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

The debate on nuclear power yesterday was in some ways the most important and certainly the most revealing of the week. That was because it brought into sharper relief some of the characteristics of the present TUC that have been evident throughout this conference.

It was no accident that the discussion on whether all non-nuclear power plants should be phased out was conducted with a greater vigour and intensity than other debates. Despite all the noise generated by the quasi-political issues, it is when they are dealing with industrial questions affecting the livelihoods of their members that most union leaders of today become most closely engaged.

The battle was fought yesterday at two different levels: between those energy unions who represent workers in nuclear power plants and those who do not, and between the emotionalists and the hardheads. The first of those contests was a simple and familiar contest between rival vested interests. Different union leaders were fighting for the jobs of their members.

### Industry's future at stake

But there was much more at stake than that. In the aftermath of Chernobyl there is inevitably much greater anxiety about the safety of nuclear power. This concern is not confined to one country or to one end of the political spectrum. It is a rational response to the catastrophe.

For the emotionalists it is the only possible response. They base their policy on an instinctive repugnance towards nuclear power, often felt long before Chernobyl but intensified by the tragedy. They are so appalled by the supposed danger that they believe it should outweigh all other considerations.

But the hard heads do not accept that the issue is so simple as that. They do not believe that the potential danger of nuclear power in Britain can be measured by a disaster in the Soviet Union, where a different kind of reactor was in use and where precautions were less rigorous.

They also recognize that it is not only the jobs of workers in the energy industries that might be at stake. We are talking about making British industry less competitive. Mr Gavin Laird, the general secretary of the AUEW, told the conference bluntly:

"That must be true as long as nuclear power cannot be replaced in sufficient quantity by alternative sources of energy that would be no more expensive, and so long as other countries continue to use nuclear energy. Both conditions seem likely to apply in the foreseeable future."

That means that there must be a conflict between an instinctive, emotional response to Chernobyl and Mr Neil Kinnock's determination to make the reduction of unemployment his first priority. How swiftly such a contradiction would emerge would depend upon the speed with which nuclear power was phased out.

The statement agreed by Labour's national executive committee envisages a slow process. But it still points in the opposite direction to the party's employment policy. It goes further than the TUC was prepared to go yesterday.

It is likely to be strongly resisted by some of the most powerful and determined nines that made up yesterday's very narrow majority, who refused to accept the phasing out of all existing nuclear power plants, and there is no reason to suppose that it reflects public opinion.

An opinion poll conducted by Marplan and published by Today last week showed that only 29 per cent of those questioned wanted all Britain's nuclear power plants to be closed, while 56 per cent preferred to keep the present nuclear stations without building new ones. The majority probably reflects the uncertainty of the general public after Chernobyl.

Politicians who ignore the anxiety that created would not command public confidence. But most people are probably somewhat bewildered over the right course of action. They are unlikely to be impressed by a snap and ill-considered response.

On that issue, as on so many others, Labour will stand a better chance of being in touch with public opinion if it listens to the hardheads rather than the emotionalists in its ranks.

By one of the narrowest card-vote majorities in recent years, the TUC yesterday rejected a composite motion calling for an immediate halt to the nuclear power programme and the phasing-out of all existing plants. The motion was rejected by 4,641,000 votes to 4,581,000, a majority of 60,000.

A motion by the Engineers' and Managers' Association, which represents workers in power stations, was also rejected, without a card vote. It expressed concern that there had been no new power station order for seven years and said that early decisions were needed to order conventional stations over the next decade.

The Congress accepted only a report from the General Council calling for a thorough review before any new nuclear power installations are built.

Some technologies had such "inherently catastrophic consequences" if things went wrong that they could not be allowed to remain, Mr Ken Cameron, general secretary of the Fire Brigades Union (FBU), said in moving the composite motion calling for an immediate halt to the nuclear power programme.

It also asked the Labour Party to include the motion in its election manifesto and called for a ban on all future expansion of the nuclear industry in the United Kingdom.

It further proposed that the General Council enter into urgent discussions with the Labour Party to draw up an employment strategy to secure work for those employed in nuclear power and to find safe and environmentally acceptable long-term solutions to nuclear waste problems.

### "Horrorific" lesson of Chernobyl

The motion also demanded an increase in government research into alternative energy sources, and an integrated energy policy based on coal, with increased development of natural resources.

The Chernobyl disaster had been a horrorific reminder of the dangers of nuclear power, Mr Cameron said; there were 38 nuclear reactors operating within Great Britain.

"I want to make sure that disaster does not happen here," he said. "This composite calls for a phasing out of nuclear power in Britain. We do not ask for them to be pulled down; this is a realistic motion. We want to make sure Britain's fire fighters and public do not have to face such appalling risks in the future."

The stand was not being taken in blind panic as a result of Chernobyl but had been the view of his union, for many years.

The risk of a similar disaster here was being taken simply to produce 4 per cent of total energy and 18 per cent of electricity in the United Kingdom.

Was that worth it when



Mr Arthur Scargill facing supporters of nuclear power outside the conference centre at Brighton yesterday.

he said, "is because Mrs Thatcher's Government said it was needed in order to defuse and defeat the Transport and General Workers' Union and the NUM in any industrial dispute. You saw that clearly during the miners' strike."

Mr John Lyons, of the Engineers' and Managers' Association, said he had no intention of following the false and hypocritical line taken by Mr Scargill.

It was inconceivable to his members responsible for running Britain's nuclear power stations that the Chernobyl accident could happen here because Britain used gas-cooled reactors, which did not have the same design fault and which, if they failed, would fall safe.

The central weakness of the FBU motion was that it was oblivious to the rest of the world.

There were many more nuclear power stations in neighbouring countries than in Britain. They should guard against a nuclear disaster by ensuring the best standards of safety in every country.

Whatever was decided about Sizewell, two coal-fired stations should be ordered immediately, because the country would run short of power in the early 1990s.

The motion was inoperable and there was no case for rushing decisions.

Mr Gavin Laird, general secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, also opposed the composite motion. The British nuclear industry

was the safest of its kind, he said.

The motion was a proposal by trade unionists to decimate a high technology industry with 140,000 people employed in it, and which could supply energy more cheaply than any other form of fuel.

"Arthur, you will see a fight if anyone thinks we shall let our members down in this crucial and necessary industry, which is part of high technology. It will not happen."

Mr Frank Chapman, of the Electrical, Electronic and

## Freeze to determine long-term policy

The TUC report calling for a moratorium in the nuclear power station construction programme was commended to Congress by Mr Jack Eccles, of the Fire Brigades Union and a member of the team that drew it up.

The report recommended that no new nuclear installations should be built until a most thorough review has been conducted into the entire nuclear industry and the public had renewed confidence in its safety.

This would include a job conversion study to see how workers in the nuclear industry would be redeployed.

Mr Eccles said that the report represented a significant immediate shift in TUC energy policy in favour of coal and alternative energies.

They were recommending a critical review of all aspects of the nuclear industry so that in 1987 Congress could decide what it believed should be done in the longer term.

The charge that the report was pro-nuclear was wrong, indeed ludicrous, simply on the ground that they were not calling at this time for the phasing out of all nuclear power.

They were calling for a freeze in the nuclear programme. The report was neither pro nor anti-nuclear. In its review, the General Council would be looking in detail at the Chernobyl accident and last week's report by the Soviet Government.

The report proposed several immediate changes in TUC energy policy. The next power stations in Britain should be coal-fired plus an expansion of coal-fired heat and power.

They were opposing the pressurized water reactor (PWR), unless the Sizewell inquiry produced compelling reasons otherwise. They would retire the older Magnox stations if they failed to meet modern safety standards.

Calling for a calm and rational debate on the issue, Mr Eccles urged Congress to reject the composite motion advocating an immediate halt to the nuclear power programme and the phasing out of all existing plants. He also wanted the power station workers' motion about the steady ordering of stations to be thrown out.

He said that the composite motion pre-empted the review proposed by the General Council. They had to review in depth all the evidence

## SOUTH AFRICA

### Plea to strengthen boycott

Reaffirming total opposition to apartheid, the Congress endorsed the call of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group for effective concerted action against South Africa.

Mr Kenneth Gill, President of the Congress, told the conference they had just heard that two members of the African National Congress were to be executed next Tuesday. He added: "You will want us to demand that the Government immediately intervenes to stop this barbarous act."

The composite motion on South Africa that was carried condemned the intransigence of the Government in opposing comprehensive economic sanctions which was prolonging apartheid.

The Congress asked the whole labour movement to strengthen the boycott against South African goods and to help achieve a complete embargo on all trade, commercial, financial, cultural and sporting activities. The immediate unconditional release of all union and political prisoners, particularly Nelson Mandela, was also demanded.

They should ensure, the motion said, that union pension funds were not invested in South Africa or in British-based companies with South African connections.

Mr Ron Todd, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, opening the debate, said that in South Africa recently "every black person we spoke to unreservedly wanted the British Government to apply economic sanctions against South Africa."

They were not impressed with appeals to morality. They, who were suffering, saw it to be their right alone to prescribe the remedy."

Mr Alan Tuffin, general secretary of the Union of Communications Workers, said that the South African

Government was more isolated throughout the world than ever before. Why was Mrs Thatcher almost alone among world leaders opposed to sanctions?

Some 73 companies with 73 South African subsidiaries or associates, donated £1.2 million to Tory funds last year. About 71 Tory MPs were directors, shareholders, parliamentary consultants or advisers to 85 companies which had direct or indirect business investments in South Africa.

Mr Eric Clarke, of the National Union of Mineworkers, said that so long as apartheid existed and the British Government gave the regime its backing, then racism in Britain gained encouragement. It was not enough to say that Mrs Thatcher did not represent Britain, that had to be proved to the non-aligned nations or alternative sanctions would be imposed on this country.

## GENERAL COUNCIL

### March of the moderate wing

It was, said some, a brutal hatchet job, a demonstration of the right-wing group on the TUC at its most hard faced.

In spite of an alleged agreement with the left, and as he was still recovering from a serious illness, the so-called "new realists" ensured that Mr Ray Buckton, general secretary of the train drivers union, was voted off the policy making TUC General Council.

Even as they lent their name to a "get well" message, the right were totally unapologetic. One leading member of the caucus said: "Even if he had been here, we would have still gone gunning for him."

It was a classic example of the "march of the moderates" on the TUC and a clear indication that they have become as ruthless and devious as the left in operating the new pragmatism that they insist must replace the class-warfare socialism of the old guard if Labour is to win the next election.

One of the most impressive newcomers to emerge at this

week's Congress has been Mr Bill Jordan, president of the Amalgamated Engineering Union. His youthful

appearance belies the fact that he is a grandfather, aged 50, with an impressive track record in union negotiation. His reasoned contribution to the economic debate was an assertion of his conviction towards realism rather than revolution.

Mr John Golding, aged 42, making his first appearance at

Congress as general secretary of the General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union, describes himself as a "centrist" although he can be expected to cast his vote more often with the right on the General Council.

Mr John Golding, former Labour MP for Newcastle-under-Lyme, also joins the moderates on the General Council in his new role as general secretary of the National Communications Union.

But the undoubted star of the right is Mr Eric Hammond, who delights many delegates with his attacks on the left wing. When he took over the leadership of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union from Frank Chapple, the left considered they had been granted a reprieve.

He has sorely disappointed them. Mr Hammond is totally uncompromising in his stance and has said he is forthright partly because he cannot stand the "hypocrisy" which he hears espoused.

## Unions warn Kinnock on nuclear freeze

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and it is 25 per cent cheaper than we have here.

"We are talking about decimating an industry, an integral part of our manufacturing industry. Our manufacturing has already shrunk. How many times have we cried about that this week, and correctly so? We are talking about making British industry less competitive, because of Chernobyl. Of course there are lessons to be learned, of course we have to apply them."

"The fact of the matter is this: let it be clearly understood. I address myself to the miners, and the seamen and to Stan Orme (Labour's energy spokesman), whoever may desert the trade union members in the nuclear industry of this country, it will not be the Amalgamated Engineering Union.

"Nobody, but nobody is going to decimate Dounreay or Sellafield... and we have got trade union members coming to this rostrum who I have heard say fight for jobs..."

"Yes, Arthur, you will see a fight if anyone thinks we shall



Mr John Golding

Reports by Alan Wood, John Winder, Nicholas Beeston, Anthony Hodges, Tim Jones and Mark Ellis

## PUBLIC SERVICES

### Explosion in schools 'if funding is denied'

An explosion in the schools of England and Wales was promised by Mr Fred Jarvis, General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers, if the Government did not come up with money to meet a satisfactory settlement.

There would be a renewal of the teachers' dispute on even more bitter terms than before, he said.

Mr Jarvis was successfully moving a composite motion condemning the Government for deliberately devaluing and running down the public services as part of its discredited economic and social policies.

The motion reaffirmed total support for the stand by teachers against denial of proper funding levels for education and for fair levels of teachers' pay.

Mr Jarvis said that the teachers had not let down the movement in their action. He was proud that, as a result, they had secured, as an interim settlement, one of the biggest pay increases in the public sector, going well beyond the Government cash limits.

The Government had been party to setting up pay review bodies and then disregarded their recommendations.

It also showed its hostility to those in the public sector by its contempt for the jobs they did and for the services for which they worked.

The workers they so treated with contempt were those on whom the country depended for treatment of the sick and care of the elderly, for education and training of the rising generation and to maintain the services which enhanced the citizens' quality of life.

Mr John Ward, General Secretary of the Association of First Division Civil Servants, said that their contention was that their members were paid substantially less than the rate for the job available in the private sector. Review bodies should be allowed to operate without government interference.

A full-scale campaign to save public services from further cuts and privatization, was agreed by the General Council, and conference after a plea by Mrs Pat Ingham, Nalgo, for 1987 to be designated Public Services Year.

A composite motion condemning government proposals as an assault on the rights of elected councils and on the principles of local democracy, resulting in deteriorating standards and threats to pay and employment, was passed unanimously on a show of hands.

## CONSTRUCTION

### Call to end 'the lump'

The black economy was still flourishing in the construction industry and there should be a statutory system of registration for operatives and employers, Mr Albert Williams, General Secretary of the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians, said.

He was successfully moving a motion calling for a Labour policy of sustained investment in construction, a move towards public ownership of the construction industry and for a commitment to decasualization of the industry.

The motion also called for contract compliance requirements to be incorporated into all public-sector contracts to

enforce genuine fair competition.

Seconding, Mr Paul Gallagher, Electric, Electronic and Plumbing Trade Union, said that they should eliminate the biggest single obstruction to apprentice training - "the lump".

## Today's agenda

The conference ends today with debates on trade union education, press ownership and the Peacock Report on broadcasting. The Congress will be asked finally to express its determination "to avoid the horror of the present Tory Government being returned at the next General Election."

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# Scheme to save £16m on criminal injury pay-outs is abandoned

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Government has dropped controversial proposals which would have excluded about 60 per cent of victims of violent crime who are now eligible to claim from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board.

In an attempt to cut costs from the £40 million-a-year scheme, officials were considering doubling the qualifying limit for claims from £400 to £1,000, which would have saved about £16 million a year.

But the proposal, which was strongly attacked by the National Association of Victims' Support Schemes and other groups, is now to be abandoned. The qualifying limit will be increased but only to a little more than the £480 needed to bring it into line with inflation.

The new limit, below which claims cannot be considered, is likely to be between £500 and £600.

It is also expected that a case will be put to the Treasury for allocating more funds - possibly an extra £20 million - to the scheme, which is struggling to cope with a steadily rising number of claimants.

The exact amount will be

one of the issues thrashed out in public expenditure talks to take place soon between the Home Office and the Treasury. Any additional money may well be linked with a computerization programme to make the scheme more efficient.

Miss Helen Reeves, director of the association of victims' support schemes, said: "We are immensely relieved that the lower limit is not to be increased by a large amount. But we are saddened that the Government is to confirm that limit; we would like to see it gradually eroded by inflation. If it is kept up, large numbers of victims will be excluded."

The scheme, started in 1964, is shortly to be placed on a statutory footing in the Government's Criminal Justice Bill, to be published in November. That will make compensation a statutory right rather than a discretionary award as at present.

The Government has been concerned about containing the costs of the scheme in the face of what is expected to be a big increase in the number of claims: applications are now running at about 40,000 a year but already a quarter of those

cannot be processed within the year.

That total also represents only 25 per cent of victims of violent offences reported to the police; the scheme's costs will rise substantially if, as expected, many more of these victims claim as violent crime continues to rise.

The working party of government officials now looking at the implications of putting the scheme on a statutory footing was also considering two other cost-cutting options: putting a ceiling on top awards and restricting the category of victims who could receive compensation. But a restriction on the numbers would have saved most money.

The lower limit on compensation payable, fixed at £50 when the scheme started, was set to ensure that very minor cases were excluded. It was increased to £150 in 1977 and £250 in 1981 to restore its value. It is now £400, or £500 for cases of violence in the family.

The board has paid out £220 million to victims of violent crime who suffer personal injury. The highest award paid out was £123,000 to a man who had to have his legs amputated after an attack in a working men's club.



# £150m offered for Spitalfields site

By Charles Knevit, Architecture Correspondent

Unlike head waiters in most hotels, Mr Raymond Arufe does the washing up himself at the Trafalgar suite in the London Ritz. But as his smug testifies only too clearly, he relishes the job (David Cross writes).

This is because the dinner plate he is holding firmly in his right hand is worth at least £500 and its value is going up every day. Like another 200 or so pieces of china, which the Ritz bought for £30,000 earlier this year, it comes from the famous Nanking collection sold in Amsterdam.

The Ritz has just begun to use the full dinner service for private parties in the suite at a cost of £10 extra per person. It can serve up to 20 people with a little bit of reshuffling. There are, for example, no dessert bowls and diners have to use rice dishes instead.

(Photograph: Dod Miller)

The Corporation of the City of London was yesterday offered more than £150 million for the freehold of Spitalfields Market, as part of a £350 million development plan for the area.

The Spitalfields Development Group, a consortium of London and Edinburgh Trust, Balfour Beatty and County and District Properties, has put a 56-day limit on the offer - October 27, the date of the "Big Bang" de-regulation of the Stock Exchange.

The offer is also conditional on the consortium receiving planning permission.

The group plans to move

# Call to repudiate views of bishop

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

A renewed campaign against the Bishop of Durham, the Right Rev David Jenkins, has been launched after his controversial address to the General Synod of the Church of England last July.

A group of clergymen in the North-east of England are calling upon the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, and other bishops to repudiate the Bishop of Durham's views publicly.

They are also critical of Dr Runcie's claim that belief in the Resurrection and Incarnation is possible without belief in the "empty tomb" and the Virgin Birth.

The House of Bishops prepared the statement, *The Nature of Christian Belief*, which was discussed by the synod last July.

In his speech he deplored the common concept of "divine laser-beam" miracles, saying that those who believed in that sort of explanation of the Virgin Birth and Resurrection did not believe in the Christian God but in a cultic idol or "the very devil".

The fellowship has requested the Archbishop of Canterbury "and such other bishops as are prepared to identify with the faith of the universal church, publicly to repudiate this teaching as being no part of the faith of the Church of England".

# Slaughter ban lifted in more areas

Restrictions on the sale and slaughter of sheep in more areas of North Wales affected by radioactivity from the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in the Soviet Union were lifted at midnight.

A parliamentary order was signed yesterday lifting the restrictions on the movement of sheep from a further 170 holdings in Gwynedd and Cwyd.

But the restrictions still apply on 793 holdings in North Wales compared with 5,146 which were subject to the ban imposed on June 30.

Originally two million sheep were affected by the banning order.

The Welsh rugby international, David Bishop, who was jailed for knocking out a rival player with one punch during a match, was freed on bail by a High Court judge yesterday.

The Pontypool scrum half, aged 25, was given bail by Mr Justice Garland pending his appeal against the four-week sentence for common assault imposed on Monday by Judge Stephens at Newport Crown Court.

# Man accused of murder

A man was charged at Horseferry Road court, London, yesterday, with murdering a man in a cell at Rochester Row police station in Victoria.

Mr Peter Holland, aged 20, was remanded in custody for a week charged with murdering Peter Curry, aged 53, who died at Westminster Hospital on August 25, 13 days after being injured.

# Baby died in kitchen sink

A baby aged one died from burns after scalding water from a washing machine ran into a kitchen sink where she was being given a bath, an inquest at St Pancras, central London, was told yesterday.

Nicola Speck, of Fircroft, Lechworth, Hertfordshire, was staying with her aunt, Mrs Gillian Speck, of Meadow Way, Stevenage, at the time. A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

# Couple lose battle on home discount

A couple who bought their council home at a discount face having to repay more than £10,000 now that their marriage has broken up and the house has been sold.

Last February, a county court registrar ordered, with the consent of the couple, that the house be sold and the proceeds divided equally between them.

Then the council demanded that £10,120.88 per cent of the discount, should be repaid.

Yesterday the couple challenged the demand in the Queen's Bench divisional court on the ground that the sale was ordered under provisions of the 1973 Matrimonial Causes Act, which provided an exemption from the pay back covenant.

But the judge ruled that the sale was not covered by the exemption provision.

# European pact on helicopter

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

An agreement by four European nations to begin work on a new anti-tank helicopter was signed yesterday.

Westland, the British helicopter company, will be involved in spite of controversy over the company's future, at the end of last year, when it was feared that it might be excluded from future European collaborative ventures.

The four countries are Britain, Italy, The Netherlands and Spain, and their ministries of defence have signed a memorandum setting out the arrangements for a collaborative project.

The first step is to make a study of the feasibility and cost of developing an Italian helicopter, the Agusta A129, to meet their needs for a helicopter to carry out missile attacks on enemy tanks.

During the controversy over whether Westland should seek financial help through links with European companies, or through the American company, Sikorsky, supporters of the European solution argued that if Westland made a deal with Sikorsky it might be shut out of European projects.

Nevertheless, it is one of the four companies now part of a new company in Italy, Joint European Helicopter. Agusta of Italy, Fokker of West Germany, and Westland signed the agreement to set up the new company, and it was stated that a fourth company, Casa of Spain, will sign the agreement as soon as its corporate approval procedures have been completed.

If the project is completed, the helicopter will be used by the armed forces of the four countries in the mid 1990s. It is estimated that Europe requires about 600 helicopters in the anti-tank role.

# Reform of common land law sought

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

Public access to common land should be balanced by a new offence of criminal damage backed by "not negligible" penalties, the Common Land Forum said yesterday.

Mr Maurice Mendoza, chairman of the forum, agreed that it was unusual to suggest applying criminal law to matters which on other private land were covered by civil actions for trespass and damages.

The forum has demanded

quick reform of more than a million acres of common land still covered by 900-year-old laws based on the reciprocal feudal obligations between free men and their liege lords.

"There are some surviving courts left that have feudal overtones," said Mr Mendoza, former director of ancient monuments with the Department of the Environment.

He said the forum had decided that common land should be better protected and needed to be open to the public and local councils should have

powers to prosecute anyone causing damage.

Commons are private properties over which individuals other than the owners have rights. Mr Mendoza said some rights survived from feudal times.

The right of tithing allowed commoners to dig turf for their household fires and pannage enabled them to let their pigs forage for fallen acorns and beech nuts.

Most surviving rights were for grazing cattle and sheep, and many commons needed a

rapid reversal of years of neglect.

"There is no point in taking to court somebody who has set fire to pasture for fun and fine him £5," Mr Mendoza said when the forum's report was published.

It won backing from farmers, ramblers, councils and the leaders of all national parliamentary parties.

Common Land Forum, CCP215 (Countrywide), Commission Publications, Dispatch, 19/23 Albert Road, Manchester M19 2EQ, £7.50.

# Drive on TV licence dodgers

A task force of 30 trained investigators will spearhead a new campaign to beat television licence dodgers, it was announced yesterday.

The unit will travel the country supporting local teams. Hundreds of extra temporary staff are also being brought in to use modernized computer systems and a fleet of vehicles with directional aerial finders.

The aim is to beat last year's campaign record when 144,000 dodgers were caught and extra licences worth £4 million were bought.

The campaign will start in Scotland and the North-west this month, then move on to the North-east, the Midlands, East Anglia and the South. It will then move to London, Wales and the South-west. The number of prosecutions has reached 28,000 a month.

# Man holds up bus at gun point

Police in Mitcham, south London, are looking for a man who hijacked a London Transport bus at gun point on Wednesday night.

The man, described as heavily built, in his mid 20s, with fair hair, wearing jeans and a green jacket, boarded a number 44 bus at Fair Green in Tooting. He pulled a shotgun out of a bag and told the driver to follow his directions.

The hijacker forced the bus driver to drive in a huge circle before demanding the night's takings of £15. Det Insp Graham Gooch, who is leading the investigation, said yesterday: "It is really going over the top to pull a sawn off shotgun on a bus driver for the sake of £15."

Police have appealed for witnesses to help to identify the gunman.

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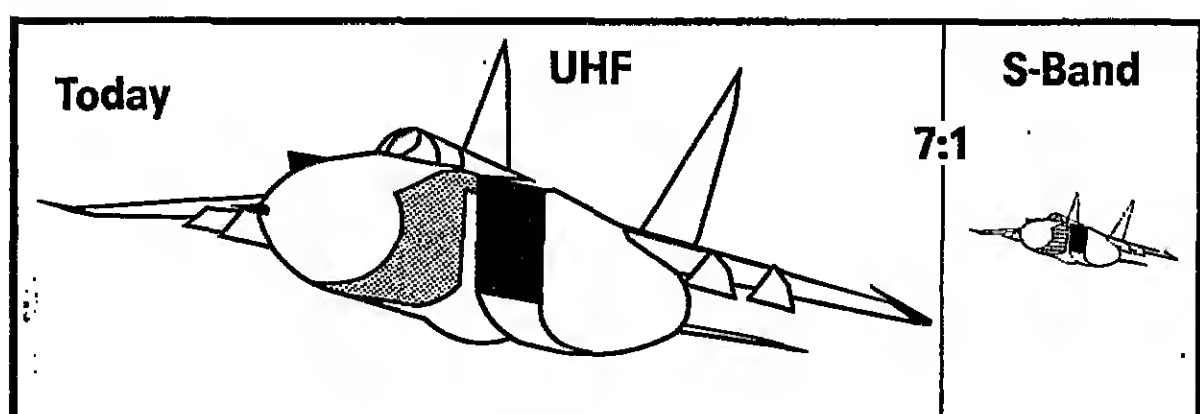
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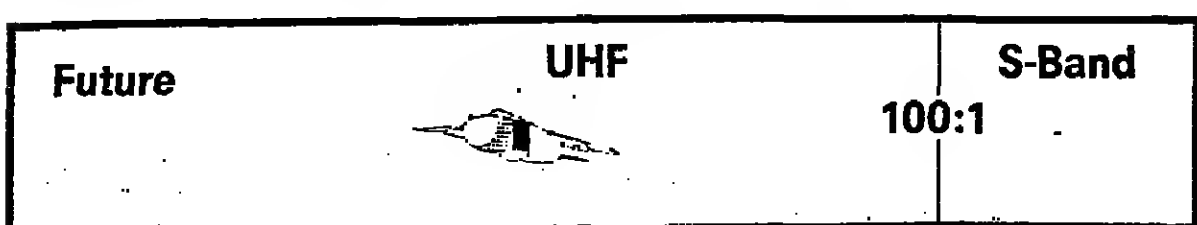


2. Radar interference, or 'Clutter', especially from the sea, (the main area of the UK application), is significantly less on UHF which means that targets not only appear larger than on S-Band but are also more distinct.

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University reform call to provide technical expertise for industry

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A fundamental reorganization of universities was proposed yesterday by Professor John Ashworth, a former chief scientific adviser to the Cabinet and vice-chancellor of Salford University.

It was made at a meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science in Bristol, which discussed new approaches to higher education that would better serve industry's need for manpower with technical qualifications.

Professor Ashworth said: "It is difficult to exaggerate the extent of the defeat British manufacturing industry has suffered in highly competitive world markets."

He said that the windfall benefit of North Sea oil had been so squandered that manufacturing industry was now weaker than it was 10 years ago. He said that changes in higher education had a vital role to play in a recovery.

He argued that British universities sought the responsibility, not only of educating key professionals — lawyers, accountants, scientists and engineers — but also of doing the

The pattern of industry in Britain has become distorted by the methods used by the Ministry of Defence in spending £8.3 billion a year on electronics, aerospace and other high technology equipment, the British Association was told yesterday.

The main beneficiaries were the so-called "sunrise" high technology industries, Mr Michael Brennan, of Reading University, said.

But these industries had concentrated deliberately in the South-east and South-west, particularly along the corridor between London and Bristol, to have a better chance of winning contracts.

Consequently, attempts to revitalize the industrial heartlands of the North were being undermined, he said.

In Britain, in order to make certain that enough of the "intellectual cream" was

identified and attracted to the scholarly life, universities had ensured that their academic values had become the dominant ones in secondary as well as higher education.

What had not been noticed was that the pressure, as transmitted through the University Grants Committee, and similar agencies, had increasingly caused them to concentrate on the production of those fitted for one very specific kind of vocation — that of research scholar.

Professor Ashworth said: "One thing all industrialists are agreed upon is that they want a more highly educated workforce at all levels."

His proposal for reorganization was to replace the present three-year honours degree with a two-year general degree available to far more than presently take an honours degree.

He would replace the GCE A level examination with a broader qualification aimed at a larger proportion of school leavers.

The new qualification would become a genuine school leaving certificate.

Food aid is treated as slush fund, Oxfam say

By Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent

Most official food aid sent to the world's poorest countries should be stopped, because it is often used as a "slush fund" by governments and does not benefit the people, an official of Oxfam said yesterday.

Mr Tony Jackson, the food policy officer of the charity, said that food aid for disasters was essential but the 12 million tons sent each year by American and European countries to developing nations as a matter of routine should be cut to about three million tons.

"Such aid may be morally and politically acceptable, but it is an ineffective, even damaging, form of assistance which benefits only the donor country and its recipient government, not its people," he said.

"Surpluses are our problem and exporting them as food aid is no solution."

Some governments used aid worth more than £1,000 million a year as a "slush fund" to keep themselves in power by giving the food to their armed forces, civil servants and middle classes, he said. "Very little may actually reach the poor."

In some cases food aid was



Professor Speeding (left) and Mr Jackson at yesterday's conference, which heard appeals for long-term food aid to developing countries in spite of political manipulations.

counter-productive because it amounted to direct competition for millions of struggling peasant farmers and could force them out of work.

Food aid offered "immense scope for corruption", he said. It was easy to steal and sell quickly. "Nothing falls off the back of a lorry faster than a bag of food."

Mr Jackson said food sent to disaster areas such as those in Ethiopia and Sudan usually did reach and help those most in need.

British fund-raising projects

which enabled help to reach victims of famine or drought were "noble and decent things which we should be proud of and which should be supported," he said.

Professor Colin Speeding, of the Centre for Agriculture Strategy at Reading University, said: "Recent experiences in Africa have demonstrated that food aid is essential for the immediate relief of famine but such crises are unlikely to be short term."

But producing more food did not by itself ensure that

hungry people were fed, he said. "People are hungry because they are poor. Apart from disasters, no one who has money is ever hungry."

The need was to find ways of preventing crises rather than alleviating them.

"But this is the world in which we have to live and operate. Our opportunities are rarely to solve problems but simply to help people help themselves, to ease burdens and move events in a better direction."

Teenage girls worry over risk of divorce

By Our Science Correspondent

Teenage girls are deeply anxious about unemployment, childbirth and the risk of marriage ending in divorce, according to a survey published yesterday.

Interviews with more than 100 Nottingham school pupils aged 15 or 16 showed unemployment as the most frequently mentioned anxiety by 69 per cent of girls and 43 per cent of boys.

Childbirth (49 per cent), nuclear war (36 per cent), unhappy marriage (30 per cent) were their other main worries.

"The poor expectations of girls of marriage and fidelity in sexual relationships are not in keeping with the images and content of popular fiction which many young women read," Miss Pam Gillies, who conducted the study, said.

Miss Gillies, a lecturer in community health at Nottingham University Medical School, said: "It would appear that girls have a realistic view of marriage in our society. The extent of their anxieties may be a cause for wider concern, especially as boys expressed no worries at all about future relationships."

Animals 'equally clever'

By Our Science Editor

Parrots and pigeons are as intelligent as chimpanzees, porpoises and dolphins, according to Dr Euan MacPhail, a senior research psychologist at York University.

In overturning some cherished beliefs of other specialists, as well as most laymen, he said yesterday there was no way of testing for any difference in intelligence between monkeys and goldfish.

The results of experiments he recited in support of his thesis, that all animals had the same level of intelligence, showed that differences, attributed by other scientists, could be explained by the particular dexterity of the creatures in question.

Humans were on a plane of their own, and Dr MacPhail doubted whether there was much difference between individuals' innate intelligence.

Engineers pay tribute to Brunel

By Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent

Engineers in Bristol yesterday celebrated a double anniversary of one of their most famous predecessors, Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

The were taking advantage of the coincidence that the annual meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science is taking place in Bristol at the same time as the anniversary of two engineering projects intimately connected with Brunel.

This week is the centenary of the opening of Britain's longest tunnel, the four-mile Severn tunnel which was designed to carry his Great Western Railway, connecting London and South Wales.

It is also the 150th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of Bristol's most famous landmark, the 250-foot-high Clifton suspension bridge which straddles the Avon Gorge.

Police 'in conflict' with the public

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

British police are engaged in the most hostile conflict with large sections of the public for more than 150 years, a sociologist said yesterday.

Relations are tense and hostile with the black community, the young, the unemployed and the lower economic groups, Dr Robert Reiner, of Bristol University, said.

"The police have lost the confidence of small but crucial sections of the influential and articulate classes," he said.



Dr Robert Reiner

A gulf has developed between police attitudes and educated middle class people with opinions on issues such as political protest, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and gay rights.

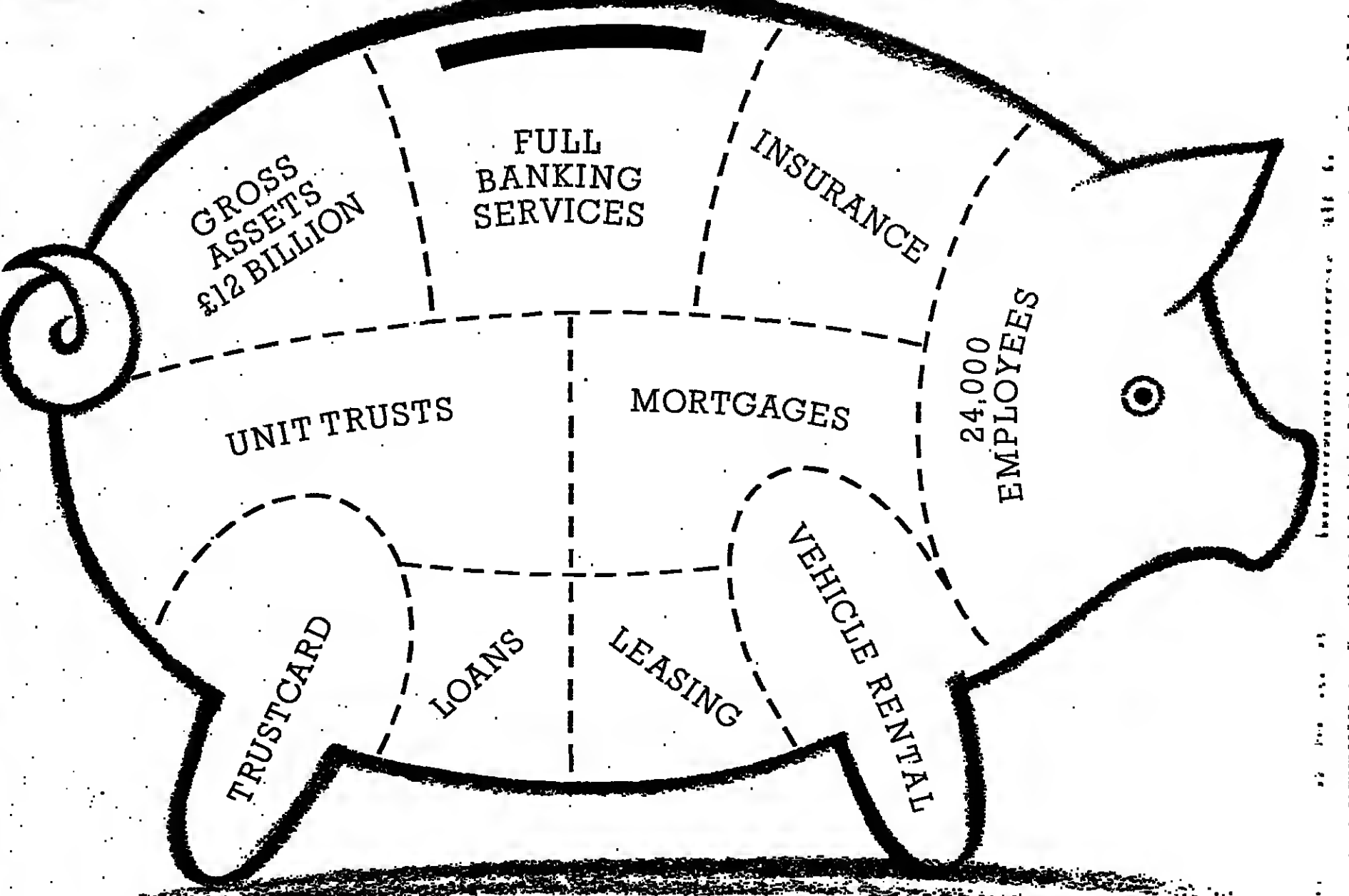
The benign image of the British bobby has been replaced in recent years by a tougher figure in a riot shield and military-style helmet, Dr Reiner said. The old image has been further dented by allegations of corruption, brutality and openly partisan views towards the Conservative Party.

The stabbing to death of a constable during rioting in Tottenham last October was a "tragic episode that underlines the deep hostility felt towards the police by some inner city residents," he said.

The constable was the first Metropolitan policeman to be killed in a riot since 1832, when the inquest jury returned a verdict of "justifiable homicide", which reflected the deep and widespread suspicion of the police at that time, he said.

"The wheel has turned full circle back to those days. That jury's vindication of murder is paralleled by the remarks of Mr Bernie Grant, the black leader of Haringey council, who described the Tottenham riot as "a bloody good hiding" for the police.

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### South Africa under pressure with court setback and sanctions build-up

## Natal judges overturn government powers to seize newspapers

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Two emergency regulations empowering the Minister of Law and Order to seize and ban any publications which he is satisfied contain subversive material were declared completely invalid yesterday by a full three-judge bench of the Natal division of the Supreme Court in Pietermaritzburg.

The defendants in the case — President Botha, the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis Le Grange, and the Commissioner of Police, General Johan Coetzee — were ordered to pay costs.

The court declared that two sub-clauses of two other regulations were also void and without effect or force in law.

One of these clauses makes it an offence to possess a subversive statement. The other allows the Commissioner of Police or anyone authorized by him, to prohibit or control anything which "in his opinion" is a threat to the maintenance of public safety or likely to prolong the state of emergency.

The latter clause was the one under which the Divisional Commissioner of Police for Soweto, Brigadier Gideon Laubscher, issued orders last Tuesday banning mass funerals in the Soweto area, including the one which residents tried to hold yesterday for victims of last week's shootings.

Brigadier Jaap Venter, head

of media liaison at police headquarters in Pretoria, confirmed this, but maintained that as the ruling had been handed down in Natal it was not applicable automatically in Transvaal or other provinces.

But legal experts said yesterday that, while the court's ruling was binding in Natal only and did not automatically have to be followed elsewhere, it was now the law of the land unless a court of appeal overturned it.

Svendborg, Denmark (Reuter) — A Danish shipowner was given a suspended prison sentence yesterday for smuggling French arms to South Africa.

He said he had received the arms from the Oteasa company, in which the French state has a majority holding.

equal standing in another province took a different view.

The ruling is of considerable importance for South African newspapers, for which the threat of summary closure had been one of the most worrying aspects of the state of emergency under which they have been operating since June 12.

But it leaves intact the regulations re-promulgated on Wednesday by the Commissioner of Police, which prohibit journalists from being on the scene or even "within sight" of unrest or security

force action, and from reporting or commenting on these without official permission.

Also untouched by the Natal judgement are regulations banning all filming or sound recording of riots, disturbances, disorders, strikes or boycotts and of any counter-action taken by the police or Army.

In addition, it remains an offence to report or publish various kinds of subversive statements, which include those advocating economic sanctions. The definition of what constitutes a subversive statement was narrowed down by an earlier court ruling.

The Natal judgement was in response to an application brought last month by four English-language newspaper groups — South African Associated Newspapers, the Argus Company, Natal Newspapers, and the Natal Witness — in which they challenged the legality of six emergency regulations in their entirety.

Essentially, the court argued that the offending regulations exceeded the powers conferred on President Botha by the Public Safety Act of 1953, which is the basic law under which a state of emergency can be declared if the President considers the ordinary law of the land is no longer adequate to maintain public order.



Mourners defying a ban by police carry coffins of victims of last week's violence in Soweto to the Avalon cemetery yesterday.

## Dr Runcie Japan threatens more action to warn Pretoria

By Clifford Langley Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, leaves tonight for South Africa to take part in and preach at the enthronement on Sunday of the Rt Rev Desmond Tutu as Archbishop of Cape Town.

Dr Runcie will also address an open-air service at a Cape Town football stadium later that day, planned as a spectacular public demonstration of the Church's opposition to apartheid.

It is understood Dr Runcie regards his speech, which will be seen as a warning to the Government of South Africa that Bishop Tutu enjoys his total confidence and support, as one of his most important as head of the Anglican Communion.

Dr Runcie's attitude to the bishop is said to be "He who touches him, touches me."

He will be accompanied by Mr Terry Waite, his secretary for Anglican Communion affairs, and his chaplain, the Rev John Witheridge.

Dr Runcie's identification with the black struggle in South Africa, and particularly his support for sanctions, has drawn approval and criticism in equal measure at Church of England grassroots level.

Japan will take "additional measures" against South Africa if there is no further progress towards the removal of apartheid.

When Mr R. F. "Pik" Botha, the South African Foreign Minister, met his Japanese counterpart, Mr Tadashi Kuranari, yesterday the host again called for the release of Mr Nelson Mandela and the removal of restrictions on the African National Congress.

He also made known Japan's "strong displeasure" at this year's attacks by South Africa on its black neighbours.

The Japanese Government has yet to make up its mind on the nature of the measures, which will not necessarily be economic, and the timing of their imposition.

But they could come as soon as the end of this month, according to a Foreign Ministry spokesman, depending on what the EEC decided yet.

"We have not decided yet what, if any, measures we will take. The contents of the meeting will be conveyed to Western countries and the international community because we don't want our position to be misconstrued," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

The last comment was a reference to the Government's sensitivity to criticism for having received Mr Botha at all.

Before his arrival the Social-

ist Party called on the Government to cancel his permission to land and not arrange any official meetings for him because such meetings would be misunderstood by other countries.

The party is critical of the Government for its lack of sensitivity on human rights questions.

Mr Botha apparently did not appeal directly to the Japanese Government but to extend sanctions. But he presented a three-page position paper on its plans for removing apartheid and, more significantly, a 10-page paper on the effect of sanctions on the rest of Africa and particularly on neighbouring black nations.

He said sanctions were being pursued "out of ignorance, malice, greed, hypocrisy, mistrust, guilt, and in pursuance of a cunning political objective... White producers and exporters in a number of Western countries stand to gain billions if the Commonwealth's sanctions proposals are implemented."

Though Mr Botha's only official appointment was with

the Foreign Minister, he will be seeing other people privately until he leaves for Taiwan on Sunday.

Among them will be businessmen and Diet members, most probably members of the Japan-Republic of South Africa Parliamentary Friendship League.

The league's prospectus goes to the heart of the matter: "Just as crude oil from the Middle East is essential for the Japanese economy, which is based on the export of high technology goods, so are the rare metals which are imported from the Republic of South Africa."

It also calls for full diplomatic relations with South Africa and the strengthening of trade relations.

Japan is dependent on South Africa for 72 per cent of its vanadium and 57 per cent of its chromium. Its stockpile of rare metals is reported to be less than a month.

Trade and sanctions details: Japan is South Africa's second most important trade partner after the United States.

Exports in 1985: \$1.02 billion (£680 million). Imports: \$1.84 billion. Toyota has 27 per cent of the South African car market through kits assembled locally.

Direct computer sales were worth about \$40 million last year, though sales to the military and police are banned.

## Liberians thwart dissident coup plot

Harare (Reuter) — The Liberian Government is fully in control of the country after thwarting efforts by a group of dissidents to invade the country and seize power, the Foreign Minister, Mr Bernard Blamo, said yesterday.

He said that the security alert, including roadblocks, now in force in the capital, Monrovia, was merely a precaution.

"According to our intelligence reports, the Liberian dissidents had set September 6 as the day to invade Liberia, but the situation is calm and we are in charge," he said.

## Missile fired by accident

Tokyo (AFP) — A Side-winder air-to-air missile was accidentally fired from a parked jet fighter and exploded in an open area at an air base north-east of here.

The missile exploded 984ft away after a pilot hit the starter of a parked F 15 Eagle jet fighter belonging to Japan's Air Self-Defence Force. No casualties or serious damage were reported.

## Grandmother back in jail

Lisbon (Reuter) — A Portuguese grandmother, charged with fraud after her unofficial banking organization collapsed in 1984, has returned to prison to await trial after a court overruled an earlier decision freeing her on bail.

Maria Branca dos Santos, popularly known as Dona Branca, or the "People's Banker", surrendered to police.

## Typhoon toll

Delhi (Reuter) — Troops and helicopters in India's eastern Bihar state are fighting floods which have killed some 300 people nationwide in the past two months.

## Drug swoop

Helsinki (Reuter) — Police have broken a Finnish drug ring operating for more than five years from Copenhagen and smuggling drugs to all Nordic countries.

## Egg protest

Canberra (AP) — Student protesters threw eggs at the Australian Prime Minister, Mr Bob Hawke, when he opened a new building at the Australian National University.

## Refugee list

Bangkok (AP) — Vietnamese officials have given to an American delegation lists of refugees eligible to resettle in the United States under the Orderly Departure Programme.

## Fungi death

Copenhagen (Reuter) — A Thai woman, aged 49, has died from eating poisonous fungi in Denmark picked in mistake for a particularly delicious mushroom found in Thailand.

## Carlos talks

Madrid — King Juan Carlos of Spain will hold talks with President Reagan during a visit to the United States at the end of this month where he is due to give the opening speech at the UN General Assembly summit meeting on September 22.

## Ship blaze

Djibouti (Reuter) — The Cypriot-registered cargo vessel Silver Sea caught fire six miles north-east of Djibouti port and all 19 crew members abandoned ship unhurt, port officials said.

## Typhoon toll

Manila (AP) — Authorities said that Typhoon Wayne's death toll has risen to 13, and that the storm has destroyed large areas of crop land and fish ponds.

## Two expelled

Rome (Reuter) — The Italian Interior Ministry has expelled two Libyans were expelled from Italy in 1982 after they had closely followed the movements of the then President Sandro Pertini.

## Bhutto ruling

Karachi (Reuter) — A Pakistani court ruled that the jailed opposition leader, Miss Benazir Bhutto, could appear in court on September 9 to contest her detention, but ordered tight security measures.

## Arms talks

Geneva (AFP) — Soviet and U.S. disarmament experts opened two separate sets of talks here and in Bern on controlling nuclear tests and the spread of chemical weapons.

## Dinghy sunk

Colombo — A foreigner, believed to be a Canadian journalist, is among seven people in a dinghy sunk by a Sri Lanka Navy patrol off the island's northern coast on Wednesday, according to security sources.

## Unity moves likely for opposition

Johannesburg — Moves towards unity between the Progressive Federal Party, South Africa's white liberal official Opposition, and the New Republic Party are expected following the PFP's sweeping victories over NRP candidates in two by-elections in Cape Town on Wednesday.

The NRP federal executive is to meet today and Mr Bill Sattou, the party leader, has said: "If we have to make tough decisions, we will do so."

The by-elections followed the resignations from Parliament of Dr Frederick van Zyl Slabbert, the former PFP leader, and of Dr Alex Boraine.

## Black mayor accuses "forces of darkness"

The mayor of an African Black township yesterday denounced the African National Congress and the "comrades" who stirred up trouble in South Africa as "forces of darkness".

He said they were intent on making South Africa appear ungovernable to prevent negotiated reform.

Mayor Tamsanga Linda, aged 40, of the township of Ibhayi (population about 2 million) near Port Elizabeth, was in London to promote the view that the majority of the population of South Africa was against violence and favoured a negotiated end to apartheid.

He said that it was necessary to work with the Government of South Africa because it was legitimate, but it would be necessary to make it see that apartheid was evil.

The ANC in Zambia saw itself as a government-in-exile and had no interest in negotiation because what it wanted was to take over power, Mr Linda said. It sought to frustrate government reforms.

If the ANC gained power it would only bring communism into South Africa, but leaders of moderate black South African opinion were anxious to support Western democracy and free enterprise.

## Russia stays silent over Daniloff deal

The Soviet authorities yesterday refused to comment publicly on reports from Washington that the US Government had proposed the outline of a deal designed to secure the release of Mr Nicholas Daniloff, the American correspondent imprisoned here on suspicion of spying.

Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the chief Kremlin spokesman, speaking at a regular briefing at the Foreign Ministry, said that as far as he knew the Kremlin had received no formal offer from the White House about any such deal.

Under the terms of the deal, first publicized by unidentified Reagan Administration officials, Mr Daniloff, aged 52, the Moscow correspondent of the weekly *US News & World Report*, would be freed and Mr Gennady Zakharov, a Soviet physicist held on spying charges after his arrest on the New York subway, transferred into the care of the Soviet Ambassador pending trial.

Western sources in Moscow thought it might prove the opening move in a behind-the-scenes bargaining process designed to end the Daniloff affair before the crucial meeting between the US and Soviet Foreign Ministers later this month.



Mr Mortimer Zuckerman, owner of the US News & World Report, at Heathrow Airport with Nicholas Daniloff's children, Miranda, aged 23, and Caleb, 16.

## Shia Muslims prove enmity with killing of UN soldiers

The murder of three French United Nations soldiers and the wounding of a fourth in a roadside bomb explosion yesterday has provided final proof that the UN force faces a brutal enemy within the Shia Muslim community as well as among the pro-Israeli militias north of the Israeli border.

The attack, which prompted the French Government to repeat the need to "reassess" the UN's mission in Lebanon, was condemned by UN officers as "a deliberate and premeditated attack".

The French troops had been jogging on a routine exercise near the village of Jouaya, east of Tyre, when the bomb exploded by remote control. Two soldiers were killed instantly and a third died from his wounds after being taken to the UN's field hospital at Naqoura, where doctors found he had been hit by hundreds of pieces of shrapnel.

Troops recovered the equipment used to detonate the bomb and a Muslim radio station in Beirut later announced that the French contingent had raided a house in Jouaya and arrested two men. There can now be no doubt that an organization within the Shia community in southern Lebanon is trying to break the UN force.

The UN itself prefers not to comment on this, mainly because it has developed a warm relationship with the Shia Muslim Amal militia around Tyre and believes that Amal can control events. The painful truth is that the UN has either been unable to communicate with the more extreme Hezbollah "Party of God", or has chosen not to do so to avoid damaging its relations with Amal.

The Hezbollah last week declared that it opposed the UN force in the south of Lebanon, on the ground that it acted as a buffer for Israeli troops still controlling the Israeli occupation zone.

The UN itself still officially wishes to fulfil its original 1978 mandate by moving up to the Israeli border from which it is excluded by Israeli-paid militiamen.

An anonymous telephone caller claiming to represent an extreme Shia organization this week told a Western news agency in Beirut that the UN had until October 3 to complete their mandate and move to the frontier or they would be treated like the Israelis. This has an ominous ring to it: the UN is already under attack.

The villagers of Jouaya yesterday protested at the killings of the French troops. Popular sentiment in the villages is clearly still with the UN, but it takes only an unexplained shooting, an argument, or a deliberate provocation to change such sentiments.

## French committed to Lebanon

Paris — President Mitterrand of France yesterday reaffirmed his country's commitment to Lebanon, and said he wanted an even stronger and better organized peace-keeping force maintained there, although the French Government would call again on the UN to re-examine its role and mission (Diana Geddes writes).

In talks with Mr Hussein Husseini, president of the Lebanese Parliament, M Mitterrand said: "France has suffered some 100 deaths in Lebanon. There are also our hostages."

## Deng looks to Kremlin for more

Peking (Reuter) — Mr Deng Xiaoping, the Chinese leader, believes the latest initiatives from Mr Mikhail Gorbachev to improve Sino-Soviet ties do not go far enough, Japanese sources said yesterday.

They said Mr Deng told a group from Japan's opposition Komeito party that China cautiously welcomed the initiatives, but wanted a settlement in Cambodia as the highest step towards better relations.

Mr Deng said withdrawal of up to 7 per cent of Soviet forces in Afghanistan would make no fundamental difference; troops withdrawn from Mongolia could return there in one or two days, and the problem of Soviet missile deployments in Asia remained.

The sources quoted Mr Deng, aged 82, as saying he wanted to retire next year, since he disapproved of lifetime tenure for high-ranking officials. But it was difficult for him to persuade colleagues who strongly opposed his retirement.

He said there was controversy in the Soviet Government over foreign policy, with Mr Gorbachev facing many obstacles in his desire to change the situation.

"It is inevitable that if someone wants a new policy, there will arise many obstacles — it is the same in China," he said.

Mr Deng said China rejected the idea of direct negotiations with Vietnam on the Cambodian question; Hanoi had not made even a small concession. China wants Moscow to put pressure on Vietnam to remove its forces.

On the Soviet offer of border territorial concessions, Mr Deng welcomed Moscow's admission that a dispute existed, but was dissatisfied it did not concede that the Tatarist treaties backing Moscow's claims were unequal.

## Solution to border row in doubt

New difficulties have arisen between Israeli and Egyptian negotiators trying to complete their Tabá arbitration agreement, throwing into doubt next week's planned summit meeting between Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli leader, and President Mubarak of Egypt.

The date and venue for the summit have not been announced officially, but it is understood it was to have taken place at Alexandria next Wednesday, provided that the Tabá arbitration accord was complete.

Dr David Kinche, the director-general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, who is in Egypt trying to save the Tabá negotiations, yesterday said on Israeli radio that Egypt had reneged on an earlier agreement concerning the manner in which Israel was to mark what it claimed to be the formal border between the two countries.

Israel's claim rested on an agreement in 1906 between Egypt and Ottoman Turkey, and, as the original markers no longer existed and the precise location of the border was in doubt, it had been agreed that it could mark the border's approximate line.

But it has now transpired that the Egyptians are asking Israel to specify precisely where the original markers were.

Mr Richard Murphy, the US Assistant Secretary of State, who is in Egypt on the third leg of a Middle East shuttle, yesterday met Dr Kinche in Alexandria. It is likely that Dr Kinche asked him to find a way out of the latest impasse.

The controversy over the border markers comes on top of the failure so far of the negotiators to find three mutually-agreed international arbitrators to judge their respective claims to Tabá.

## Nest egg or Exocet for tanker men of the Gulf

They are ordinary enough folk. The men of the tanker war. Some sail up to Kharg Island for the experience, a few — a very few — do it for the challenge. But most risk their lives in the Gulf for what Captain Falk Todtmann indicated by robbing his thumb and two fingers together: a lot of money.

A small man, prematurely balding at 42, a freelance journalist near Bremen when he is not at sea, Captain Todtmann is — like so many of his European colleagues — divorced. "My children are grown up and I have the freedom to do what I want," he said. "Yes, I know the risks — I know what an Exocet missile can do. But the money is good and the contract is only six months."

But six months is a long time, not least when the Iranian tanker shuttles between Larak Island and Kharg for oil are eight-day round trips and the Iraqi attacks on them are growing in intensity by the week.

At around £5,600 a month, a ship's master can earn a nest egg in half a year if he keeps his nerve, and his ship. "If you are going to get hit, then nothing you can do will prevent that," Captain Todtmann said, shrugging his shoulders in an exaggerated, unconvincing way.

His fatalism, of course, lacks logic. If you don't sail to Kharg, no missile is going to have your name on it. But invariably you hear the same variations on a theme. Herr Willy Schwedter, chief engineer of the Iranian super-tanker Taffan, put it in almost medieval fashion: "All your life, a candle is burning. When can say when the light will be snuffed out?"

Herr Schwedter, a grey-haired man with a large paunch, is the sort of seaman whom any filmmaker would recognize polishing brass in an engine room. Even off duty, he is a sailor on the north German coast, owning his own small boat, fishing, reading in the house he built himself on a misty German island.

"I have all I want in life," he said. "I'm long ago divorced. Some people are unhappy alone, but I can do whatever I want — work for six months here, then six months' holiday at home."

Most of the European seamen working with Herr Schwedter said they spent a lot of time reading.

They are canny men, enjoying sitting on the deck of their crew boat, watching the flying fish and the long yellow sea snakes that come out of the green depths of the Gulf to observe mere mortals pass.

They debate why the flying fish land on their tails, but their most serious discussions are about the Exocet. They have found a flaw in the comfortable reasoning of the Iranian tanker officials and the shipowners.

The Exocet will always aim itself at the largest area of ship visible to its radar. That means the hull, according to the Iranians. The seamen know different. Returning from Kharg fully loaded, built down in the water, it is the superstructure and accom-

## Moscow ship protest

Moscow (Reuter) — The Soviet Union has protested to Tehran over the boarding of a Soviet freighter in the Gulf by the Iranian Navy, but the issue will soon be closed, Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the Foreign Ministry spokesman, said yesterday.

He said Iranian officers had been on board the 11,750-ton *Pyotr Yermolov* after detaining it in international waters west of Dubai this week, and engine failure was now the only problem preventing it from continuing its journey from the Black Sea to Kuwait.

Another Soviet ship, the *Rubezhnaya*, was standing by to tow it to an unspecified port for repairs.

A senior naval official in Tehran said yesterday that it was free to go now that its cargo had been inspected.

## Nakasone's extra year

Tokyo — Japan's Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, is to have an extra year in office (David Watts writes).

The five factions of the Liberal Democratic Party met in a Tokyo restaurant on Wednesday night and agreed that an exception clause be added to the party rules allowing him to stay on until October next year.

The extension was widely expected after the LDP's overwhelming victory in the July elections. Mr Nakasone would normally have stepped down at the end of his second two-year term at the end of next month.

The decision requires endorsement by the rank and file of the party factions and Diet members, but this will be routine.

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# Gadaffi walks out on 'traitors'

From A Correspondent, Harare

Colonel Gadaffi, the Libyan leader, last night flew out of Harare after causing consternation at the Non-Aligned Movement's summit by declaring that it had become "an international farce" and that some of its states were "spies and traitors".

In his attack the colonel embraced more than half the 101 member states, including his Zimbabwean hosts, when he declared that membership of the organization was incompatible with membership of the Commonwealth, the Francophone community, or

Rome - Mr. Vernon Walters, President Reagan's special envoy, had "friendly" talks on terrorism yesterday with Zimbabwe's Prime Minister, in contrast to his tense last visit on the eve of the US bombing of Libya. (Peter Nichols writes).

with diplomatic recognition of Israel, the United States or Britain.

Dressed melodramatically in black and blood-red robes with a white cloak, he called on radical states of the Third World to reject the goals of centrality and world peace laid down by the founders of the movement 25 years ago, and instead arm themselves for a collective fight against imperialism. He envisaged allies in this fight to be the forces of the Warsaw Pact.

"I am ready to form an international force. I shall spread the troops of this force over all the continents of the world - so as to spread fire under the feet of America," he declared.

But he then acknowledged: "Unfortunately, the backward imperialist mentality has at its

disposal all the means of destruction due to their usurpation of our riches.

"I say to you there is no possibility of dialogue between us and these forces."

Colonel Gadaffi's speech was punctuated by chanting from a group of Libyan women positioned behind the lectern.

The colonel sounded a threatening note when he upbraided Egypt and Jordan for failing to allow their soil to be used for attacks on Israel, adding: "If they give me these bases tomorrow, I will destroy Israel's nuclear reactor, which will annihilate the whole region."

Delegates in the auditorium, and even Commonwealth and Eastern bloc journalists watching the proceedings on television monitors outside, found it increasingly difficult to take him seriously as he continued his 65-minute diatribe.

There was unrestrained laughter when he announced: "I go now from here saying goodbye to this funny movement, farewell to this international falsehood, and I raise the motto of a world of two camps, a camp of liberation and a camp of imperialism. There is no place for neutralist non-alignment."

The movement's chairman, Mr. Robert Mugabe, the Zimbabwean Prime Minister, drew greater applause than the colonel when he commented that not all present would agree that the movement had ceased to have a purpose or lost its vitality.

"We appreciate, however, the deep and emotional feelings evinced by recent acts of aggression by the United States," Mr Mugabe said.



Colonel Gadaffi, fist raised, giving America a tongue-lashing in his Harare summit speech.

"I think our brother must accept that this movement has provided him with quite a platform, to speak through the movement to the United States."

The Libyan leader disclosed that he had been holding talks here aimed at giving resources to the African National Congress to intensify its fight in South Africa.

After threatening repeatedly to walk out of the summit and saying he could not sit in the same hall as "spies and traitors", Colonel Gadaffi stayed on to hear President Ortega of Nicaragua predict there would be 2,640,000 casualties if the United States invaded his country in support of the Contra rebels.

# Spain's art treasures come out of hiding

From A Correspondent Madrid

The incentive of a tax amnesty in Spain has brought to light 30,000 art treasures hidden for decades, if not centuries.

These include 80 paintings presumed to be the work of the prolific 18th-century Spanish artist Goya and 31 paintings by El Greco of Toledo, as well as works by the famous modern Spanish artists Joan Miró and Salvador Dalí.

In the Balearic Islands, declarations have been made of the existence of possible unknown works by Henry Moore, the British sculptor who died this week.

The authenticity of the different art works - which comprise furniture, tapestries, family book collections, religious vestments and jewellery, together with archaeological finds - will be verified by specialists.

The works will then be classified, and those "of public cultural interest" will be listed in the register of Spain's national patrimony.

The owner of an officially-listed work of art is obliged to keep it in good condition and is forbidden to export it or to sell it to a non-Spanish resident.

Against this, an owner can benefit from tax advantages and government subsidies, for instance for insurance.

The purpose of the amnesty is to reduce Spain's once-flourishing black market for art works which has involved thefts and the smuggling abroad of Spanish paintings.

# Gaullist questions impartiality of French 'wise men'

From Diana Geddes, Paris

M. Jacques Toubon, general secretary of the Gaullist RPR party, has questioned the political independence and impartiality of France's Council of State and its Constitutional Council.

His attack came only a few days before the Council of State delivers its judgement on the Government's disputed plans for redrawing the constituency boundaries.

With the apparent aim of discrediting in advance its views on the proposed constituencies, M. Toubon accused it of being composed, in its upper echelons, entirely of "people with a strong political leaning which is not that of the present majority".

The Council of State is a supposedly independent quasi-judicial body, composed for the most part of men and women of all political persuasions who happen to come top of the final examinations of the elite Ecole Nationale d'Administration, though the government of the day has the right to make a small number of direct appointments.

All government Bills and decrees must be submitted to it for advice. Its decisions are always collegiate. The Government is free to accept or reject its views.

M. Toubon also attacked the Constitutional Council "for trying to take Parliament's place as the lawmaker... It is no longer what it is supposed to be, namely a kind of stimulating muse, inspiring the legislator, but rather a paralysing muse..."

"We must beware lest a kind of new legislator sets itself up above Parliament and the Government."

The Constitutional Council, which acts as a Supreme Court on all constitutional matters, consists of nine "wise men" - three appointed by the President, three by the Senate and three by the National Assembly president - appointed for a non-renewable nine-year term.

President Mitterrand's appointment in February of M. Robert Badinter, the former Socialist Justice Minister, to be its president provoked a storm of accusations that the Socialists were trying to undermine its political independence. The majority of its members, however, remain right-wing appointees.

M. Toubon's remarks seem to echo M. Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, who said in July that he respected the Constitutional Council and did not contest any of its decisions, but gave a warning against the development of a "government of judges".

However, M. Denis Baudouin, the government spokesman, sought yesterday to play down M. Toubon's remarks, which were described by one Socialist MP as a "wild and totally inadmissible diatribe unworthy of the secretary-general of a party which claims to respect republican principles".

"Everyone is getting a bit on edge over the new constituency boundaries," M. Baudouin said.

## Interview with President Ershad

# Army role assured in democratic era

From Ahmed Fazl, Dhaka

General Ershad, the military ruler of Bangladesh, is poised to become the country's third directly elected President in polls set for October 15.

In a 90-minute interview with *The Times* at his official residence inside the army headquarters in Dhaka's northern suburb, General Ershad, aged 56, talked about his 4½-year rule and his future plans.

"I don't see any real opposition in the coming elections," General Ershad, who retired from the Army last week, and joined the official Jatiyo party, said.

Bangladeshis would have liked army rule to have been shorter. On many occasions they took to the streets in thousands shouting for democracy and joined noisy opposition rallies demanding an end to martial law.

But a divided Opposition which often quarrelled among itself failed to cash in on the unrest as General Ershad steadily built up his political base and brought back a measure of discipline in the armed forces, which during the past regime had staged at least 18 abortive coups.

"The Army is a disciplined force now, and I can assure you that there will be no further coups as long as I am there," General Ershad said.

The Government has announced plans to lift martial law after the presidential elec-

tions when the Parliament will be summoned to approve a Bill ratifying army rule. This is needed to indemnify the Government against all actions taken in the past.

Earlier efforts to get the Bill approved was blocked by the opposition alliance, led by the Awami League which has 100 seats in the house, saying that they would not legitimize a military Government.

The pro-Ershad Jatiyo party, which currently has 210 members after taking eight more constituencies in by-elections on August 26, runs short of a two-thirds majority needed to carry the Bill through.

But General Ershad said that efforts were under way to muster support among other smaller groups in the Parliament.

The former infantry general has been able to draw people away from opposition camps, most of the time surprising his main challengers for power - Sheikh Hasina Wazed, chief of the Awami League, and Begum Khaleda Zia, leader of the former ruling Bangladesh Nationalist party.

The present Prime Minister is a former Awami League member, and at least six senior ministers were once close associates of Begum Zia.

General Ershad faced his greatest challenge last March when the two women seemed to be closing their ranks, threatening civil disobedience upsetting his plans for holding parliamentary elections under martial law.

But General Ershad took a risk by adopting a tough stance on opposition protests which soon dissipated because of lack of organization. The elections were held two months later with the Awami League and about 20 other parties contesting.

Even in a democratic set-up, the Army should have some role to play, General Ershad said. "If armed forces do not want the jobs of ministers, but they would like to be heard on national issues," he said. "You cannot leave a national Army isolated from life."



General Ershad plans to lift martial law after election.

# Report of hidden cash and second wife denied

From Our Correspondent, Dhaka

President Ershad said in his interview with *The Times* yesterday that he had never taken a second wife.

He described as totally untrue a report to the British newspaper *The Observer* on August 31 that in 1982 he had secretly married a woman named Marium Mumtaz, who also claimed to be his long-time mistress.

"If anybody can produce that there is any marriage deed connecting me with the lady I am going to resign," General Ershad said.

He also disclaimed reports

that he had stashed away millions of dollars in secret accounts with banks in the United States and Switzerland and that his agents were hunting abroad for real estate.

General Ershad challenged the newspaper to prove these disclosures.

"If they can prove that I have a single dollar or pound outside Bangladesh, I am ready to resign," he said.

He also said that he was prepared to write authorization letters to any foreign bank to reveal his accounts if he had money with them.

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# Fleming faces Miami drugs smuggling investigation

Miami (Reuter) — Federal prosecutors said yesterday that John Robert Fleming, wanted for questioning in connection with the multi-million-pound Brioks-Mar baltion robbery in Britain, is being investigated by a US grand jury about possible drug smuggling links.

US District Judge James Kehoe gave prosecutors until next Friday to examine Mr Fleming's confiscated British passport as part of the investigation and then return it to its owner. No details of the secret drug probe were disclosed, but prosecutors did not rule out the possibility that charges could be filed against Mr Fleming.

The decision delayed an earlier order by an immigration judge giving Mr Fleming until midnight last night to leave the US for a country that would accept him or else face deportation to Britain.

Mr Fleming, aged 45, is sought for questioning by Scotland Yard about the armed theft of £26 million in gold bars and diamonds from a warehouse near London's Heathrow Airport on November 26, 1983.

He has been held in an isolation cell at a detention centre near Miami since he was detained on August 20 after expulsion from Costa Rica.

Mr Fleming's lawyers contended in a motion filed yesterday that the US authorities were trying to force his deportation to London by confiscating his passport and blocking his efforts to leave for a country of his choice.

In documents filed in the US District Court, Mr Fleming's attorneys asked the judge to order the release of his passport and allow him to go to any country that would accept him. The judge allowed

prosecutors to keep the passport for nine more days after arguing that they needed time to examine dates on it.

Mr Fleming's lawyers said they had learnt that the US State Department and British Government have "successfully prevented" his entry to Panama by pressuring the Government there. Britain has not issued an arrest warrant for him or requested his extradition.

At a court hearing yesterday, Mr Fleming's lawyers said they had found a country willing to accept him, but declined to name it. They said they objected to demands by immigration officials that he travel only on a commercial airline and provide written "assurance" in advance that the country of destination would accept him.

The lawyers have acknowledged that he has no right to remain in the US because he is an "excludable alien". He had been held in an isolation cell because of concern that he might try to escape from the minimum-security facility.

Costa Rican police, acting on a tip from Scotland Yard, arrested Mr Fleming on August 15 at a hotel in San José. He was expelled and taken into custody by US authorities when he arrived at Miami.

● DENVER: The Governor of Colorado has commuted the prison sentence of Stuart Armstrong, aged 22, a Briton who will be deported next week as part of an early-release programme for alien prisoners (AP reports).

Armstrong, convicted of second-degree burglary in 1985, has agreed not to return to the US, officials said.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service said Colorado is the first state to institute an early-release programme for alien prisoners.

## Glare scare in Sweden

Stockholm — A mysterious white light resembling a huge cloud, seen by hundreds of people over south and west Sweden in the early hours yesterday, is now believed to have been caused by a Soviet rocket test (Christopher Mooney writes).

Police and defence establishments received calls from many anxious Swedes who thought the light could be the result of a nuclear explosion.

But the Swedish Space Corporation, said it coincided with notification of a series of Soviet rocket tests.



Guerrillas of the Moro National Liberation Front, left, parade in Maimbung, Jolo Island, in the southern Philippines, during a meeting of the rebels to prepare for ceasefire talks with President Aquino. Nur Misuari, right, leads the group, which has been waging a secessionist struggle for 14 years.

## Bolivia tin protest hardens

La Paz (Reuter) — About 100 miners and their families joined a hunger strike yesterday at one of Bolivia's biggest tin mines, while mine union leaders and government officials continued talks to resolve a week-long stand-off.

The Church-run radio station Fides said the miners, their wives and children joined a smaller group of miners that has been on a hunger strike since Monday inside a shaft at the Siglo XX Mine, about 190 miles south of La Paz.

They were protesting about plans by President Paz Estessoro to close the mine and up to 10 others because of plummeting prices on the world tin market.

The government plan would put at least 10,000 miners out of work with no possibility of other employment, Señor Emeterio Leano, a Mine Workers' Confederation (FTM) official, said.

● SANTIAGO: Chile's military Government denied accusations by Amnesty International that it was systematically abusing human rights in repressing the Opposition and charged the human rights group with a lack of objectivity.

## Director accused of fatal stunt

Los Angeles (Reuter) — The film director John Landis, striving for realism, ignored advice to use dolls instead of children in a Vietnam war scene that led to the deaths of the actor Vic Morrow and two child actors, a Superior Court here was told.

The prosecutor said Mr Landis, aged 32 was reported to have told a casting director "to hell with you — we'll get the children ourselves off the streets" when he was told that children should not be used near explosives on the set of *Twilight Zone: The Movie*.

The trial of Mr Landis and four associates on charges of involuntary manslaughter began on Wednesday.

The defence said it was an unforeseeable accident that should not have involved criminal charges.

A helicopter spun out of control and crashed, killing Mr Morrow, aged 53, and the children, Renee Chen, aged six, and Myca Dinh Lee, aged seven.

Hollywood studios are watching the trial closely, since it could have a lasting effect on how far directors will go in staging stunts.

## One near-miss over California every two days Traffic jam in the US skies

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

In the aftermath of the mid-air collision between a DC 9 and a small aircraft last weekend, a chilling picture of the constant dangers in the overcrowded skies of Los Angeles has emerged.

"When there's good flying weather in southern California, there are so many aeroplanes in the sky there's absolutely no way you can possibly keep track of them all," admitted a traffic controller at the Federal Aviation Administration's Palmdale control centre, which handles the growing air traffic in Los Angeles. "It's a miracle there are not more collisions."

The mounting statistics seem to bear out the controller's fears, both in California and many important US cities. In 1984 there were 589 reported near-misses in the air. Last year the figure jumped to 777 and this year it will be even higher.

Yesterday the Federal Aviation Administration reported that near-collisions over California skies had more than doubled in the past five years and now occur at a rate of one every two days.

California, the most populous state in the nation, has the highest near-miss rate in America. Of the 709 incidents reported there since 1981, the FAA classified 155 of them as "critical" — defined as aircraft coming within 100 ft of each other. Several involved distances of less than 10 ft.

In California so far this year there have been 114 near-misses. In the whole of the country in the first six months, more than 400 such incidents have been reported.

Controllers and federal safety officials are once again calling for tighter controls and stiffer regulations to prevent small plane pilots from straying into big jet landing paths. But most agree it is an uphill battle because the private pilots have organized themselves into a powerful lobby, more than 250,000 strong, which constantly opposes any efforts to curb its activities.

One weekend in late July there were 11 cases of planes penetrating jet air lanes in southern California.

Southern California airspace contains a network of airways and control zones of even greater complexity than the hundreds of miles of freeways.

At the time of last Sunday's collision there were at least 10 other aircraft in the vicinity of the crash. Also, the air traffic controller handling the DC 9's landing was working on two jobs at once, said Dr John Lasker, the head of the government safety team probing the crash. That, however, he added, was not unusual.

This week controllers spoke out about the dangers. Mr Dennis Cottle, a former passenger jet pilot who now works at Palmdale, said: "Even if you see every plane up there, you can't possibly track every one. It's impossible."

What exacerbates the problem, say controllers, is that many small planes are not equipped with transponders, the device that signals their presence to controllers. (The Piper Archer piloted by Los Angeles businessman William Kramer apparently did have one functioning at the time of the collision.)

"It's almost impossible to see an aeroplane not equipped with a transponder," Mr Cottle said. "There are many planes out there with broken transponders. It costs \$700 (about £470) to fix them and a lot of pilots don't want to pay the repair bill."

## Enrile told to support Aquino or resign

From Keith Dalton Manila

A senior member of the Aquino Government yesterday accused the Defence Minister, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, of subverting peace talks with communist rebels and urged him to resign if he could not support the negotiations.

"Enough is enough," the Local Government Minister, Mr Aquilino Pimentel, said. "The sooner we get rid of people who do not agree with the policies of the President, I think the better for all of us."

It is the first time a member of the Cabinet has openly challenged Mr Enrile and publicly questioned his loyalty to the six-month-old Government.

"If he believes that he cannot support the policies of Mrs Aquino, particularly as regards her call for negotiations and offer of amnesty to the rebels, then the best thing for him to do is quit his position," he said.

"The only prominent government official... who is making it difficult for the negotiations to succeed is minister Enrile."

By publicly criticizing the way negotiations were being conducted and expressing his doubts about the chances of success, Mr Enrile was encouraging a segment of the military to oppose the peace talks, and this had placed President Aquino in a "very embarrassing position".

"I think it is folly for any minister of the Cabinet occupying a sensitive position to express such doubts, because this would tend to sabotage the negotiations," Mr Pimentel said.

Military officials, meanwhile, are investigating 46 officers, including 26 generals and two admirals, for alleged corruption during the 20-year Marcos regime.

The bank accounts of all 46 officers have been frozen, and they are banned from leaving the country while corruption charges are pending, the chairman of the Armed Forces Anti-Draft Board, retired General Manuel Flores, said.

Of those being investigated for "unexplained wealth", 17 remain in active service, three fled into exile with Mr Marcos, and the rest have retired.

# There is a case against sanctions

The coal mining industry in South Africa employs about 100 000 people of whom, 86 000 are black, and produces 170 million tons of coal per year of which 45 million tons are exported. Some 30 000 people are producing coal for export.

Both as to its technical skills and in regard to its social policies, this industry has done much to improve productivity and living standards in southern Africa.

It has participated actively in persuading Government to scrap legal barriers to the advancement of black people.

It has raised the real wages of unskilled workers by over

345 per cent between 1970 and 1985.

It has provided accommodation and other amenities which more than meet international mining standards.

It helped to secure full trade union rights for its black workers. With many difficulties but also with considerable success, it has developed workable industrial relations.

More recently, the coal mining industry has joined in the ongoing initiatives by the private business sector which have achieved important successes in securing social and economic improvements in South African society.

The imposition of sanctions against this industry would certainly

- cause some 30 000 people, most of them black, to lose their jobs, with all that that implies
- deprive the industry of the resources it needs to pursue higher skills and better standards
- heighten political tension and aggravate racial polarisation in South Africa.

WHOSE INTERESTS CAN THIS POSSIBLY SERVE?

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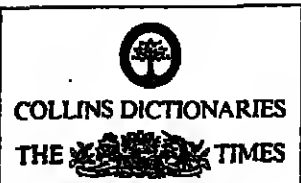






SPECTRUM

Doctor who puts one across (4,5)



The solution to that headline, having won the Collins/Times crossword contest eight times, has kindly agreed to stay away

from this year's competition on Sunday. But he gave Pearson Phillips some relatively non-cryptic clues to the crafty solvers' arts

It seemed only proper to find the king of crossword puzzlers in a shed in an Oxford garden mulling over the problem of translating "bread-and-butter-pudding" into German. Dr John Sykes, by profession and inclination a lexicographer, will not be taking part in Sunday's national final of the annual Collins Dictionaries/The Times crossword championship. He's too good. Or, as he puts it himself "On alternate years I now leave the field open to others."



Learning how to tackle crossword clues is like learning a language, you have to train yourself not to be delayed by the literal meanings

literary and historical references. But he has turned his systematic brain to this matter. "With the help of the Oxford Dictionary of Quotations I have built up a working knowledge of the areas most commonly covered by The Times compilers, which appear to be The Bible, Shakespeare, Dickens and Alice in Wonderland."

from Wormwood Scrubs by using a road alongside the prison known as Arlidge Road. The police were persuaded that it was a coincidence. A certain competitive attitude developed among solvers in messes, ministries and air raid shelters during the war. But it was not until 1968 that a Times reporter, Peter Hopkirk, suggested that a national competition should be run. The first took place in 1970, sponsored by Cutty Sark whisky.

UNDER THE SPELL

The reaction of most people to the winner of the Collins/Times crossword championship is: "How can anyone do a crossword so quickly?" The ability to complete four puzzles in an average of under 10 minutes each is of a special order. The competitor is in strange surroundings - a hotel ballroom with up to 300 egg-headed rivals, screened from each other by cardboard pigeon holes. Speed counts, but not at the expense of accuracy. A dozen or so competitors will solve all the puzzles; bonus points, one for each minute saved on the 30-minute "bogey" time, differentiate them. But if they make a mistake they get no bonus points and their chances are instantly gone.

Advertisement for 'SATURDAY - Portfolio Gold - £12,000 to be won'. Includes a photo of Dirk Bogarde and text about 'Seasoned Bogarde'.

Advertisement for John Tusa, titled 'A voice for so many tongues'. Includes a photo of John Tusa and text about his role at the BBC.

Advertisement for Ted Moulton, titled 'Rural myth and reality'. Includes a photo of Ted Moulton and text about the pressures of farming.

Advertisement for 'CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1046'. Includes a crossword puzzle grid and a list of clues.

He sees the BBC's role as providing more information, more fully, and more openly than any one else and with as much detachment as possible so that listeners can make up their own minds.

He acknowledges that the three-year budget (it used to be set annually) agreed by his predecessor has eased financial planning considerably. He also feels that the recent approval of an important programme of capital expenditure to improve audibility, especially in the Far East, reflects a government commitment to the External Services that has not always been apparent.

ful, quite a convivial occupation, in which suicide does not feature greatly. But that is obviously a superficial view. This is made clearer by figures from the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys. The league table for suicides from all causes is headed by hairdressers, followed by deck hands, general labourers, domestic staff and general managers. But when the figures are sorted into job-related categories a different picture emerges.

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FRIDAY PAGE

Onassis, a much loving man

The Greek tycoon was a sexual typhoon, as a new book shows. Sally Brompton on a rich man's passion

Elizabeth Taylor once described Aristotle Onassis as the sexiest and most attractive man she had ever met...

These qualities unquestionably did much to enhance Onassis's social standing during his lifetime...

A new book on Onassis published in Britain this week is already a bestseller in America and is almost certain to become one here...

"The one thing his women had in common was the fact that they were all seemingly unobtainable," says author Peter Evans...

They were certainly among the elite of their generation. There was Tina, youngest daughter of ship-owner Stavros Livanos...

There was Maria Callas, too, all intents and purposes a happily married woman with her own immense operatic success when Onassis decided to pursue her.

And there was Jackie Kennedy, with whom Onassis planned to have an affair while she was still married to the President of the United States...

It was the romance and subsequent disastrous marriage to Jackie which ensured Onassis his place within the pages of popular mythology...



Onassis and Kennedy: for him she was the ultimate prize, and he boasted to friends of her sexuality; for her, he represented safety for the children

scarcely matched up to Jackie's own and he was never entirely at home in her social circle...

Jackie's brother-in-law and unofficial guardian, Bobby Kennedy, regarded him as "a complete rogue on the grand scale"...

Within minutes of the news of Bobby's death, Onassis was on the telephone to his oldest and closest friend, Constantine Gratosos...

It had been an extraordinary courtship. The first time Onassis met Jackie with her husband...

damned willful about her, there's something provocative about that lady. She's got a carnal soul.

After the death of Jackie's infant son, Onassis, who was at the time having an affair with her sister Princess Lee Radziwill...

He never had the opportunity to discover the answer before Kennedy was shot in 1963. By then, Onassis was in the midst of his stormy affair with Maria Callas...

Evans believes that, Onassis would have married Callas had not Jackie come on the scene.

Evans's own view is that Jackie was not in love with Onassis but married him in panic after Bobby's assassination to gain security for her children.

perceptive little anecdote told to him by Joan Thring, an Australian who shared a cruise in May 1968 with Jackie and Onassis.

"She was far too distraught for anything but the very mildest intimacies to have passed between them. It was rather sweet actually."

Says Evans: "My contention is that if Jackie had been in love with Ari in the way a woman would normally love a man she is about to marry, she would have slept with him before the wedding."

In America, Evans discovered that the couple's eventual union was regarded as "not so much a marriage as a merger".

Yet, despite Jackie's reputation for being "composed, almost cold" according to Evans, Onassis frequently embarrassed his friends and acquaintances with intimate tales of her sexuality which he would repeat over and over again.

his women", says Evans, who spent many months talking to Onassis's friends, relatives, lovers and business contacts as well as with the man himself.

"He would often dismiss them in public in a very cruel way. He would say things like 'shut up' or 'you don't know what you're talking about'."

"He had an obsession with all his women but although I think he loved I don't think he was in love with any of them."

Evans, who describes Onassis as "a colossal liar, cheat, womanizer... a genuine monster" believes that his doomed marriage to Jackie simply "followed the pattern of any relationship conceived by obsession on one side and capitulation on the other."

And while Evans's sympathies for this Greek tragedy are firmly with Maria Callas, whom he feels Onassis destroyed "as a woman, a wife and an artist", of Jackie he concludes: "I think she got her comeuppance - if you can call a pay-off of \$26 million a comeuppance."

"I think Ari did enjoy humiliating

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Simple hygiene beats drugs

Gastroenteritis is still a surprisingly common illness among young children. A study just published reveals that even in areas of Britain with a relatively high standard of living...

Nearly 13 per cent of infants under a year old were ill with gastroenteritis during that time and just over 9 per cent of 1-2 year olds had one or more episodes of diarrhoea.

In more than three-quarters of the cases recorded a virus rather than a bacterium was the cause and it was the rotavirus that was most commonly implicated.

And Dr Isaacs whose study is published in the British Medical Journal, says the best way to prevent the spread of gastroenteritis within the family is to make sure that everyone's hands are kept thoroughly clean by washing with soap.

No more needles

Injections could eventually become a memory for the millions of people who are vaccinated every year, the thousands of diabetics who need insulin and many other people on hormone treatment.

Many vaccines and hormones, such as insulin, growth hormone and the reproductive hormones, are proteins. Ordinarily, if taken by mouth, they would be destroyed, hence the need to inject them into the blood stream.

American research workers think that they may have found the answer by coating the drugs with a substance which protects them from digestive chemistry but which allows their eventual release in the large intestine where they are safe from digestion.

The trick was to bind into the coating chemical bonds which are attacked by the bacteria of the large intestine, a process which releases the drug into the bloodstream across the gut wall.

Tentative allies

Although the British Medical Association does not favour alternative medicine, this is not the case with other British institutions.

When the Research Council for Complementary Medicines scientific centre opens in a few months it will do so with technical support from the British Library and financial help from the DHSS.

And when Dr David Taylor Reilly jakes up his position as fellow in research methodology for complementary medicine at the University of Glasgow next month, half his funding will come from the Medical Research Council.

Both moves, says the RCCM, are the first important steps towards providing complementary medicine with the infrastructure of hospitals, laboratories and library support which orthodox physicians and surgeons take for granted.

The scientific information centre will provide for the first time a computerized data base of research in alternative medicine and Dr Taylor Reilly will be studying research techniques.

The hope is that eventually orthodox practitioners will consider investigating alternative medicine and that more complementary practitioners will seek to give their methods a sound scientific basis.

Bitten by bats

European experts on rabies, who are becoming increasingly worried about the risk to humans of the disease being spread by bats, have received some welcome news.

A World Health Organization study has shown that the vaccines used to treat those bitten by other rabid mammals work against bat rabies too.

Sporadic cases of rabies have been reported among bats in Europe since 1954 and last year a Finnish zoologist died of the disease after being bitten by one.

Fortunately, work by the Rabies Unit at the Institute Pasteur in Paris has confirmed that five commercially available rabies vaccines will, in fact, do the job.

Meanwhile scientists on both sides of the Channel are keeping a close watch on the situation. The latest news from Europe is that the infected bats seem to be confined to the maritime areas of Denmark, Finland, Germany and Poland.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Agriculture said that there was no evidence of infected bats in Britain.

Watch the menu

The notion that only fat children become overweight in adulthood is a myth. A Medical Research Council study of more than 5,000 people born in 1946 has shown that only 21 per cent of those who were overweight at 36 had been so as children.

The study, published in the British Medical Journal, found that more women than men who were fat in their 30s had been overweight as children, but by contrast men were more likely to put on weight later in life.

There should be less effort directed towards keeping plump children slim and more emphasis on proper eating habits all round, the report says.

Lorraine Fraser

Yes sirree, it's a boost for Britain

The Prince of Wales today adds another notch to his Boasting Britain belt when he opens the longest-running promotion of British goods ever staged by an American chain store.

The operative word in this case is "longest". The promotion is seen as the foundation for many years of improved transatlantic trade, because Marshall Field's has 21 stores throughout Illinois, Wisconsin and Texas and where it leads, others will follow.

The State Street store where Prince Charles will cut the inaugural ribbon has cornered the hype market for many years. Harry Gordon Selfridge spent 25 years there helping the founder, Marshall Field, to revolutionize retailing before coming to Britain to open Selfridge's in 1909.

The result is a place in the main store with the bones of a frontage on to State Street. Seven other Marshall Field's stores will have permanent Kent and Curwen shops.

Each Kent and Curwen shop has cost Marshall Field's £25,000 in fixtures and fittings - not the sort of money to be written off for a momentary splurge, even when the parent company is the giant British-American Tobacco. But the return is expected to be trade worth \$2 million (about £1.3 million) a year.

This promotion has certainly changed attitudes, Miller says. "We have found that British manufacturers were much more co-operative than their reputation sometimes implies and our buyers are getting more confident that the quality and style of the goods are going to sell."

Under its festooned branches the people of Chicago will be able to take English tea, instructed by Samuel Twining. A few floors

Divorce at marriage guidance

Ending a long-term relationship is always difficult, as Nicholas Tyndall would be the first to admit. But he never expected to end 18 years as director of the National Marriage Guidance Council feeling - ironically - as if he had been through "a quickie divorce".

The parting of the ways followed a report from a firm of management consultants which recommended, among other things, the appointment of a new director and management team. Although no replacement was waiting in the wings - indeed the advertisement for the job has yet to be drawn up - and although the annual general meeting to consider the report's recommendations had been taken place until next month, Nick Tyndall was left in no doubt that the executive felt it was time for him to go.

He says: "I do think it rather ironic that we are in the business of endings and transitions. As a marriage guidance counsellor myself I know that one of the most important parts of the work is helping people to talk things through. Yet this affair seems to have been handled very differently."

"I can accept that it is reasonable for the executive to want a change of style at the top, but what is not so clever, it seems to me, is the way they went about it. I think there should have been a period of transition, of paving the way for a handover. This seems more like revolution than evolution."

Certainly Tyndall's departure is likely to herald a series of changes for both the National Marriage Guidance Council and the affiliated regional councils scattered over England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Indeed, the face of marriage guidance may change altogether.

Why is this happening? It seems that in the 1980s, even matters like counselling are feeling the brisk business-like wind of change. Last year, after five years of mounting financial problems, the National Marriage Guidance Council decided at its AGM to call in the accountants Coopers and Lybrand for advice on how to tackle them. According to Stephen

Rows about money and management have prompted the director of the Marriage Guidance Council to walk out after 18 years

Saunders, information officer of the NMGC, their report calls for the development of professionalism at every level, more leadership from national management, better targeting of services and better evaluation programmes with regard to both paid staff and volunteers.

"At present, we can't cope with the increasing demand for our service," says Saunders. "The number of clients has doubled in the last ten years and shows every sign of doubling again in the next ten. It's not just a question of fund-raising - it's about marketing our services. We have to be a caring organization - nobody denies that - but if we are going to provide that care effectively, we have to be more professional and businesslike."

Renata Ollins, director of the London Marriage Guidance Council and a member of the NMGC executive, agrees. "The first need is for the



service to grow to meet the demands that are being made of it. But the dilemma is that we cannot grow on a starvation diet. The Home Office grant we get is totally inadequate. We don't die, but we don't develop."

Tyndall is painfully aware of the problems facing marriage guidance councils. There is the whole question of what marriage guidance is supposed to be for. When the service started nearly 50 years ago, the emphasis was on mending marriages. Now counsellors may be involved in educating young unmarried people in relationship skills, or helping married couples work towards an amicable divorce.

There is also a growing feeling that the unpaid volunteers who make up the bulk of the counsellors should be augmented by greater numbers of paid staff. As Tyndall says: "We lose far too many trained people because there comes a time when they want

or need proper paid employment. But you've got to get bigger grants or start getting clients to pay more if you are going to do this. And that's another issue on which we are divided."

Part of the problem in getting more money out of the government, he says, is that it is hard to prove to Home Office officials that a marriage guidance service saves the taxpayer money. "They want to know how many families you are helping to keep together, so relieving pressure on things like social services, the housing lists, family doctors."

But measuring effectiveness is almost impossible, even if in research half of their clients said they had been helped substantially and a further quarter said they had been helped to some extent by counselling.

In the long term, will a different management style solve these problems? Tyndall doubts it - and accepts somewhat ruefully that this is one reason why he decided not to fight to stay in the job.

He says: "I don't see any attempt to solve the real issues facing marriage guidance. To turn it all into a 'Nick must go' situation, I see as jejune. It's a panicky response."

"One of the objectives of a voluntary organization is to be innovative, to trail-blaze, and we haven't been able to do that over the past few years while we've been desperately trying to make the resources go round. It's tough to be in any organization that's worried about money. And when you want to be in the business of helping people, teaching them new skills, you think 'I didn't join for this'."

"The pressures have been enormous and I think we've now blown a gasket. And I'm the one who's been ricocheted into outer space."

So what will he do out there? He smiles. "When you get to the point of separation or divorce, you always need quite a period of review and reassessment rather than rushing into a second marriage. That's what I'm doing."

Lee Rodwell

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THE TIMES DIARY

Rude to Roy

Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader has been dealt a snub in the agenda for this year's party conference...

Law reform

The attempt by solicitor Michael Joseph to have the Law Society prosecuted under the Trade Descriptions Act may have failed...

Marriage vow

A reader amplifies our obituarist's tribute this week to Lady Fisher of Lambeth's sense of humour...

Double trouble

Strife at the Hampstead and Highgate Conservative Association which has, for the first time in its history, begun procedures to expel one of its members...

Pirate action

The Foreign Office at last seems to be getting its act together to combat the problem of overseas piracy of British intellectual property...

Taxing

Unlike the rest of us, policemen like the rateable value of their houses to increase. The reason is that those who own their own houses are paid a tax-free rent allowance based on a multiple of the rateable value...

Bubbling over

MPs returning from the summer recess next month are in for a shock: Commons' restaurants are about to face a 10 per cent price rise...

PHS

London's unhealthy appetite

by Stuart Haywood and John Yates

The government is under pressure to provide more cash for London health services, particularly its teaching hospitals...

heth (St Thomas's) have five times the number of doctors for the population they serve and five times as much chest medicine as some other English districts...

from higher levels of social deprivation or significantly lower existing levels of service...

A revision of the allocation formula based on teaching responsibility and specialized workload would be perverse...

Teaching districts have consistently claimed resources for the unusually high number of complicated cases that they treat...

Even if these facts are accepted, it does not automatically make the case for a bigger share of funds for teaching hospitals...

resources for the socially deprived in the immediate locality.

It is currently suggested that there should be a policy change on allocations to health authorities, which will lead to a higher proportion of NHS spending for the Thames region...

There is a shallowness of debate within the NHS on health issues. Issues of workload, efficiency and effectiveness have not been seriously addressed...

David Watt

A fragile man talks tough

Neil Kinnock's speech to the TUC has had an astonishingly good press. Laudatory clichés have flowed from the most hardened conservative pens...

Just how much compromise is involved can be seen from reading his words in conjunction with the Labour Party/TUC document...

What does this mean? If it means statutory incomes policy, pay freezes and the like, that would indeed be "tough"...

Does it mean, then, that a Kinnock government would be as prepared as a Thatcher government to hold down pay in the public sector by sheer will-power...

The only other possibility is therefore a variation on that old Labour Party theme - the unwritten bargain. The Labour government will give the unions back their place in the sun...

Page three of People at Work outlines their main objectives succinctly when it states, as the first principle of the joint approach...

same set of economic and employment circumstances. It is true that Principle Four proclaims that: "Collective organization enables workers to exert a social and political influence on all issues of concern to the interests of working people..."

Kinnock has dealt with the political and presentational side of this problem by implying two quite different things in his speech. To the brethren he offers Option Three, the "unwritten bargain"...

This will probably serve as a substitute for a strategy for the moment, since the public is evidently in a mood for reassurance rather than an invitation to peer hard at the real difficulties...

Michael Hornsby on the dilemmas of Tutu's international celebrity

For those seeking ammunition to support their view that the phenomenon known as Desmond Mpilo Tutu owes more to show-business than to religion...

Whether the government should ignore him or prosecute him, and thus add martyrdom to his other qualifications, is a matter for argument among his enemies...

Mere mention of Tutu's name is enough to send blood pressures soaring at dinner tables in the supposedly liberal white suburbs of northern Johannesburg...

While much of the animus Tutu provokes can be attributed to malice or concealed racism, there are sympathetic whites who also have doubts about his style...

"He can talk nonsense for half an hour and then drop pearls of the purest wisdom" is how one church worker sums up these reservations...

Tutu would be the first to admit that he has much of the showman in him. It is there in his oratorical style, mixing real anger and emotion with impish one-liners and folksy parables...

The world-wide attention lavished on Tutu since he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize two years ago might have turned the head of any man...

I had spent a day to northern Sri Lanka with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the largest and most active group of separatist rebels operating in the area...

Has the good bishop gone over the top?



and you cry and you are angry, and you hope that what you are feeling is not hate. I do care enormously about all the people of this country, black and white."

Before becoming Bishop of Johannesburg, a diocese of which half the 100 or so parishes lie in areas set aside by law for white occupation, Tutu had spent seven years as General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches (SACC)...

As Bishop of Johannesburg, Tutu was able to keep in touch with the lives of both black and white members of his diocese by shuttling between the increasingly frequent conflict with the authorities on their behalf...

exculpation of the violence of the oppressor. Nonetheless, he has condemned terror bombings and the barbarous necklacing killings in the townships as well as the brutality of the state.

Earlier this year, during the riots in the Alexandra township on the north-eastern outskirts of Johannesburg, he was booed by local residents when he returned empty-handed from a visit to Cape Town to represent their grievances to government ministers...

On the advice of senior white members of his staff, and apparently against his own judgement, he had twice sought, and been granted, much-publicized meetings with President Botha since the state of emergency was declared on June 12...

Tutu, a stark 54-year-old, was out for his customary early-morning jog when a lorry-load of local black police roared up the hill towards him. "It was still dark, and suddenly I saw people throwing a petrol bomb, it could have been a burning log, and then two small boys running as fast as their little legs could carry them away from the scene..."

No pacifist, Tutu believes that there can come a set of circumstances which justify being willing to take up arms. He certainly finds the arguments in mitigation of the violence of the oppressed vastly more persuasive than those in

On the shooting ranges of Sri Lanka

Jaffna. A weapons training instructor once told me that you could always tell when someone was shooting at you. You could hear the crack of the bullet breaking the sound barrier close by before you heard the distant thump of it being fired...

I plucked for cover behind a stoutly-built, deserted house, listening to the pow of a mortar being fired somewhere in front of me, and the crump of the shell exploding somewhere behind it...

I had spent a day to northern Sri Lanka with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the largest and most active group of separatist rebels operating in the area...

The army is at present bottled up inside its camps in the northernmost area, the Jaffna peninsula; the rebels control the streets of the towns and the countryside. The Tigers keep pickets of young men armed to the teeth outside each army camp to drive the soldiers back if they should try to emerge...

From time to time the troops do emerge, to patrol or to strengthen their position by occupying a prominent building or by trying to drive away the Tigers' sentries. On Sunday the army, which had occupied a school building on the outskirts of its biggest camp at Pallaly and withdrawn to free it for the new school term, was rumpoed to be planning to reoccupy it...

Perhaps it was foolish of me to want to enter Pallaly on that day, but the military police captain I spoke to on the telephone had said the sentries would be expecting me. I hired a taxi at an inflated rate, took it as near as the driver

dared go to the camp, and asked him to wait. There was the noise of shooting ahead. Under a giant banyan tree three young men in check shirts machine-gunning seemed alarmed to see me and declared that I should go no further. "The army is coming out," they said. "We are an ambush..."

I regained my taxi, returned to Jaffna and telephoned the captain again. Yes, he laughed, there had been a spot of bother, but it should be over now. Back at the banyan tree, the three young men had



disappeared. The taxi fare, already inflated, doubled. When I paid the driver 60 per cent of what he asked, he slammed into reverse and abandoned me.

I continued slowly down the road to the point where I was reminded of the words of the weapons training sergeant, and sat and waited for the bangs and whizzes to die down.

After an hour, it seemed quiet enough to wander slowly on. I walked hesitantly until I spotted sandbags in the upper storey of a house. "Hall," shouted a voice. I halted, was waved forward and madeto put my hands up. Eventually he did indeed seem to have been warned that I was coming, and I was allowed in.

moreover... Miles Kington

A jazz genius up Sweden's sleeve

As a teenager in the late 1950s, I had the privilege of being around when Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly etc were first making records. I abused this privilege terribly by thinking that Presley, Holly etc were not worth the black plastic they were recorded on...

"I never found many people who shared my pining for Hallberg's music. Even my knowledgeable Scottish cousin Laurence had never heard him."

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"Nobody does," said Laurence. "He went off years ago to run a bar in Barbados."

Well, that explained the record in Barbados. Then, towards the end of the 1970s a Swedish lawyer named Anders R. Ohman conceived a passion for Hallberg - more important, he also started a record company called Phonicastic and began recording Hallberg again. Ohman seemed even more addicted than I did. "We are fighting for a true and good cause," he wrote in one sleeve note: "to make the world understand that Bengt Hallberg is one of the world's greatest jazz pianists..."

I bought all these new records dutifully, but it didn't seem to be enough, because on another sleeve Ohman complained: "There is no justice in music". This is apparently because Hallberg still had not broken jazz sales records.

another one in Barbados (who liked Bengt Hallberg in Barbados?) in 1959. It wasn't until 1964 that I found another, until time wore sleeve note that said Bengt Hallberg had more or less given up playing in favour of writing film and ballet music.

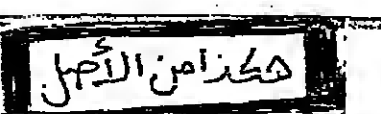
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BOGUS PROSPECTUS

For presentational purposes Mr Neil Kinnock has had a good Trades Union Congress. He has told the unions straight that as Prime Minister he would govern in the interests of all the people and not be deflected by sectarian interests...

ing inflation by high spending and borrowing would be confronted not with the moderate wage attitudes it needs from the unions but with rising demand, especially from skilled people. It would, of course, wish to avoid formal wage controls, but it would be driven to bargain with the unions.

employers for paying more than they should at the expense of competitiveness. Nevertheless, until recently the theory has worked tolerably well, and it is only too easy to imagine what would happen to wage inflation if Mr Kinnock were operating a minimum wages policy.

Future of museum reading room

From Lord Thomas of Swynnerton and others Sir, The undersigned, we believe, a majority of readers who use the round reading room of the British Museum (now part of the reference division of the British Library) would prefer to go on doing so and would like those who come after them to be able to do so too...

Refugees' plight in Hong Kong

From the Administrator, Oxfam Hong Kong Sir, Your reflection on the problems of resettling refugees ("Sharks who offer sanctuary - at a price", August 15), was of particular relevance to those of us who are grappling with the problems faced by Vietnamese refugees here in Hong Kong.

Choices in defence

From Rear-Admiral J. E. Dyer-Smyth Sir, Sir Peter Horden (September 1) rightly maintains that public expenditure should reflect changing priorities. Likewise his contention that research takes too much of the cake cannot be faulted.

Soap and the adman

From Mr James Hindhaugh Sir, Might I contest Lord Beloff's view (article, August 30) that "Margaret Thatcher is not a bar of soap". Her undeniable success has been largely due to a marketing effort which has treated her as a brand...

THE SOUND OF SILENCE

It was a famous victory which the press in South Africa won against the government there two weeks ago - but a fleeting one. After a brief respite from reporting restrictions, the country's police commissioner announced new restrictive measures on Wednesday...

bances. This would seem to imply that a journalist, chancing upon a riot, should shut his eyes and run away - to avoid being in breach of the law. Indeed the greatest weakness of the new restrictions would seem to be their comprehensiveness. This makes one wonder how they too might stand up to the scrutiny of South Africa's judges...

cameras were the problem, there are more limited ways in which to deal with them. The effect of the restrictions during the last few weeks has been to magnify not minimise the events which have occurred. Silence can not only be very expressive, but it gives rise to speculation which can often dwarf the reality.

Control of weeds

From Mr Mark Yonge Sir, Mr H. St John (August 28), in his letter referring to noxious weeds, is critical of the Department of Transport for their lack of action in controlling weeds beside our motorways and trunk roads.

Birmingham racing

From Mr Robert Lawrence Sir, I was saddened and alarmed to read Mr Skiffington's letter (September 1) condemning the Birmingham Grand Prix (sic) and the notion that the city should even aspire to such an event. The merits or otherwise of the Super Prix can be left to sponsors, competitors and spectators alike...

AN UNFAIR DEAL

There is a rumour abroad that the Soviet Union has learnt its lesson from Chernobyl, that its policy on information is changing and that the more open reporting of this week's shipping disaster in the Black Sea is the proof. Unfortunately, this otherwise pleasing theory has been contradicted by equally conclusive evidence...

quantity, and had - so it is said - been a target of earlier KGB provocations. But the timing of Daniloff's "felony" suggested that there was more to the KGB's action than a desire to neutralize a possibly awkward correspondent. After all, Daniloff had less than a month of his tour of duty still to serve. The presumed ulterior motive was connected with the arrest of a Soviet scientist, Gennadi Zakharov, in the United States for spying. Zakharov was in US custody; Daniloff had been taken hostage.

able. Daniloff is no less a hostage than the US citizens held in Lebanon. And if hostage-taking of this order is to be discouraged, it has to be seen not to work. Which is why yesterday's, admittedly sketchy, reports of a deal between the US and Soviet authorities are so disturbing. For if Daniloff is to be released and expelled from the Soviet Union in return for the release of Zakharov into the custody of the Soviet embassy in Washington, the connection between the two cases has been conceded and the principle compromised.

Hanway memorial

From the General Secretary of the Marine Society Sir, On September 5, 1786 Jonas Hanway, one of the greatest of the 18th-century philanthropists, died in London. Born in Portsmouth in 1712, he became a well-known merchant, joining the Russia Company in 1743. In 1754 a legacy allowed him to retire and he devoted the rest of his life to alleviating the appalling conditions which the underprivileged endured, especially the unemployed, the sick, prostitutes and chimney sweep boys.

Looking askance

From Mrs Gilly Cryer Sir, Re the return of route maps in trains (letter, August 29) I am not sure this is such a good idea as suggested; I can remember on at least two occasions standing up to have a better look at one of the route maps and, when I turned back to my seat, it had been taken!

Buying British

From Mr M. L. Kinnersly-Taylor Sir, I refer to your editorial "A keener Rover" (August 29). I must agree broadly with the sentiments expressed regarding more realistic targets. However I do not feel that the company is responding to what we, the car-purchasing public, require of a Rover car.

HMS Conway and Arcthusa in the mid-19th century

Such ships have now gone but this year the society will commission a new seagoing training ship, Jonas Hanway. Formerly HMS Egeria, an inshore survey vessel, she has been lent to the Ministry of Defence in recognition of the society's support for the Royal Navy over 230 years.

ON THIS DAY SEPTEMBER 5 1785 THE affair of the diamond necklace was a scandal of such magnitude that Napoleon believed it to be one of the causes of the French Revolution. The Comtesse de la Motte enticed Cardinal de Rohan, Grand Almoner of France to purchase a diamond necklace supposedly for Queen Marie Antoinette, but in reality for herself. The deception was discovered; Rohan was deprived of all his offices; La Motte was flogged, branded and imprisoned. She escaped to England and there published her scandalous Memoirs. The story was first told to The Times in its first year and it ran every detail throughout 1785 to 1787.

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THE ARTS 11

Cinema: Geoff Brown welcomes Mona Lisa to London, while below David Robinson reports from the Venice Film Festival

Face to face with a nightmare



Lost souls seeking love: Cathy Tyson in her film debut as Simone and Bob Hoskins as George in *Mona Lisa*

Mona Lisa (18) Odeon, Haymarket

Jake Speed (15) Cannon, Oxford Street, Cannon, Panton Street

Miracles (PG) Cannon, Oxford Street, Cannon, Panton Street

"Are you warm, are you real, Mona Lisa? Or just a cold and lonely, lovely work of art?" So sings Nat King Cole in the number that cues the rueful, romantic mood of Neil Jordan's exciting new film.

The song pops up on the radio of the Jaguar car driven round London by George, the crude but kindly small-time crook just out of prison, employed as chauffeur to Simone, a "tall, thin, black tart" (his own description). After initial hostility, George finds the poised lady just as captivating as Leonardo da Vinci's painting.

puppets of pimps and shady businessmen. George, a Cockney bull in a china shop, is played magnificently by Bob Hoskins, who shared the Best Actor award at this year's Cannes Film Festival.

Mona Lisa, Jordan's third film, is stamped with the same degree of originality and style as its distinguished predecessors. They make a diverse trio. Jordan's debut thriller *Angel* (1982) invested the contemporary Irish troubles with the emotional anguish and dark visual panache of the Hollywood film noir, while *The Company of Wolves* (1984) offered the Little Red Riding Hood story retold as the Gothic fantasy of a girl passing through puberty.

Yet as the film winds its diverting way through eccentric comedy, romance and drama, we gradually realize that Jordan's expertise and Hoskins' performance serve as camouflage for a basic weakness: for all the variations on the theme of lost souls seeking love, there is simply not enough in the story to keep the characters occupied.

Cathy Tyson, in her film debut, admirably suggests Simone's cool charisma, but more steel is surely needed for a prostitute who prides herself on surviving the King's Cross meat rack. The actress had the misfortune, though, to be up against Hoskins at his most inimitable, dressed to kill in an orange leather jacket and tropical shirt (this is his idea of dressing smart), bubbling with repartee. And how good it is to see Michael Caine, cast as a manipulative businessman, playing his age, which is 52; playing, moreover, not in some vacuous international fluff, but in a British film of quality and merit.

It was the Disney organization who first realised the financial benefits of marrying movies with merchandise: now no cinema hit is complete without its back-up supply of books, dolls, models, T-shirts, playing cards, hats, india-rubbers, even pencil sharpeners.

Now a scheme is afoot to place a new superhero, Jake Speed, on the market: if all goes well, the film bearing his name will be the boulder that triggers an avalanche of books, comic-strips, board games and clothing. So hopes Wayne Crawford who devised the character, acts the character, produced, and co-wrote the script with the director, Andrew Lane; to help the merchandising process along, several Jake Speed paperbacks

are displayed in the film itself. It is doubtful if Wayne Crawford's gamble will pay off. As personified here, Jake Speed has the lined, forgettable looks of a failed B-movie actor; and he seems far too cloddish to succeed as a champion of good over evil, even in a tongue-in-cheek romp.

Those who care about the art of comedy have good reason to fear Jim Kouf and David Greenwalt. Two years ago they wrote the script for *American Dreamer*, in which JoBeth Williams and Tom Conti raced round Paris desperately searching for wit and originality. *Miracles*, written and directed by Kouf, with Greenwalt as executive producer, offers the same male star and a similar mood of threadbare frenzy.

We begin with a drunken Mayan Indian with doctor training for a miracle to help cure the tribal chief's daughter. The miracle finally arrives, after flat jokes galore, in the dishevelled shape of Tom Conti - a New York doctor flown south as a hostage by meek crooks, in the prickly company of the wife he just divorced. Few recent films have contained so much shouting and shrieking from the leading players; Conti is also cursed with a loquacious American accent, which effectively obliterates the dithering British charm that first made him popular in America in the first place. Regrettably, this dingy film is one of the last assignments of the distinguished British cameraman John Alcott, who won an Oscar for *Barry Lyndon* and died suddenly in July, aged 55.

Cracking the code of mixed cultures

A film festival sometimes feels like a new babel as you stumble from screening to screening and from Arabic to Japanese, Turkish, Greek, Flemish, Serbian, Russian, without appreciable pause.

Or, perhaps, it is the anti-babel: with sub-titles and simultaneous translations you somehow struggle to penetrate exotic languages, sentiments and cultures.

We have had Finns assaulting *Kafka's The Castle*, and a Hindi film exploring the cultural gulfs of the old British Raj. The Finnish film, Jaako Pakkavirta's *Lies*, shows that Kafka's nightmares belong to the mind. The images are ambitious but constrict the imagination. After all even Orson Welles did not bring off the feat.

Massey Sahib is a promising writer-director debut for Pradip Krishen. It is a tragedy about people living, as the director puts it, "in a penumbral region between two cultures". The hero is an innocent Indian clerk whose efforts to give satisfaction to the Colonial bosses lead him to imaginative initiative which they unfortunately can only perceive as crimes.

Theo Angelopoulos's *The Beekeeper* is a predictable heavyweight - 140 minutes in length and unrelenting in despair, though more penetrable and slightly less portentous than his recent pictures.

Marcello Mastroianni plays a Greek peasant (remarkably convincingly) pursuing a journey around his far-flung "hives", which is really a pilgrimage in search of death. The Italian director Pupi Avati remains unknown in Britain after 17 years of work and 15 feature films, each with its own style, attraction and originality. *Christmas Present* is an account of an all-night poker game which at first looks like an amiable social affair. Gradually, however, the tensions are exposed, for some of the players it is a game of life and death. It is a minor work in the Avati canon, but one of the best offerings in Venice so far.

The Argentine director Maria Luisa Bemberg turned to films late in life - she was already a grandmother - to emerge to worldwide success with *Camila*, which was seen

in London last year. Miss Mary confirms an outstanding talent and intelligence. Set in 1938, it tells the story of an English governess (Julie Christie) who goes to work for a family of Argentine landowners, immensely rich and politically degenerate.

Mostly in English dialogue and rich in character comedy, the film wittily caucuses the cultural collisions, and at the same time provides a microcosm of the old oligarchy in the last desperate days before Peron.

Francesco Maselli began his career in the era of Italian neo-realism, made a notable film debut in 1955 with *Gli sbandati*, but subsequently has directed comparatively few films. *Storia d'amore*, his first for ten years, updates the spirit of neo-realism.

His characters are underprivileged youngsters, struggling for any sort of mental work and any place to live; the actors who play them are bright, unknown faces. He returns to the old improvisational style; and even his locations, the no-man's-land in the city's edge, recall the films of 40 years ago.

The language of films these days seems to have little connection with their nationality (the English exhibits in Venice have come in French and German). Henning Carlsen's Franco-Danish co-production *The Wolf At The Door* is, like *Miss Mary*, mainly in English. Donald Sutherland plays Paul Gauguin in a careful, correct, educational biopic, recalling *Inter alia* Gauguin's unhappy Danish marriage.

Comedy is rare enough to prize at festivals. Alex van Warmerdam, a young Dutch theatre director, plays the lead in his own absurdist extravaganza *Abel*, about a young man and his parents living in claustrophobic and mutually destructive madness.

*Shout Circle* is made by John Badham (*Saturday Night Fever*, *War Games*) a director of Hollywood youth films who credits his audience with the capacity to think and feel. His hero here is an endearing robot which runs amok, inputs the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* and the *Three Stooges*, grows more human than the humans and rebels against his nuke-happy creators in the Pentagon.

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An extremely rare mint corner block of 12 Penny Black stamps sold at Phillips yesterday for £80,000 to a private collector...

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OBITUARY

MR DAVID WOODWARD

War correspondent of the old school

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University news

Cambridge
The following elections and awards have been made:
MAGDALENE COLLEGE
Elected to a student representative body...

Appointment

Mr Simon Lewis has been appointed head of communications for the Social Democratic Party until the next election.

Kent College for Girls, Pembury

Kent College for Girls, Pembury, announces that this is its centenary year. Boarders return for Autumn Term on September 9, and school begins on the following day, Amanda Ridgway is head of school.

Wellingborough School

Boards return for Michaelmas Term at Wellingborough School on Monday, September 8, and school begins on Tuesday, September 9. The school year will end on December 14, 15 and 16.

Wilson's School

Michaelmas Term at Wilson's School begins today and ends on December 19. J.S. Pay is captain of school, A.G. Howard and M.W. Scrimgeour are vice-captains.

Corpus Christi College, Cambridge

Corpus Christi College, Cambridge intends to publish this year a centenary edition of the Register of Members. Old members who have not received a copy of the 1985 Letter of the Corpus Association are asked to send their current address to the Editor of the Letter, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, CB2 1RH.

Science report

Working to simplify robot actions

By Andrew Wiseman
A different, much simpler system than the one specifically designed to solve all the calculations necessary for man or robot to work properly. They found new evidence supporting this hypothesis and now believe that a limb is motionless when two opposing muscles, the equal forces of which could pull it one way or another, are neutralized.

DR ERNEST MOSSNER

Dr Ernest Mossner, who died recently in a suicide pact with his wife, Caroline, at their home in Austin, Texas, was an American scholar who did valuable research on Hume, on whom he wrote a substantial biography. Born in New York in 1907, he published Bishop Butler and the Age of Reason, when he was only 30.

ANNIE POWELL

Annie Powell, whose election as Mayor of the Rhondda in 1979 made her the Communist Party of Great Britain's first woman mayor, died on August 28. She was 79. A teacher, both of whose parents were also teachers, she taught for many years at Pontypool Secondary School until her retirement in 1974. She was also a Methodist lay preacher and a councillor for Penygraig ward of the Rhondda. She later lost the seat but regained it in 1961 and continued to represent the ward until 1983.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CHADWYCK-HEALEY - A Memorial Service for Sir Charles Arthur Chadwyck-Healey will be held on Wednesday, 10th October, 1986, at 2.30pm, at Chelsea Old Church, Old Church St, London SW5.

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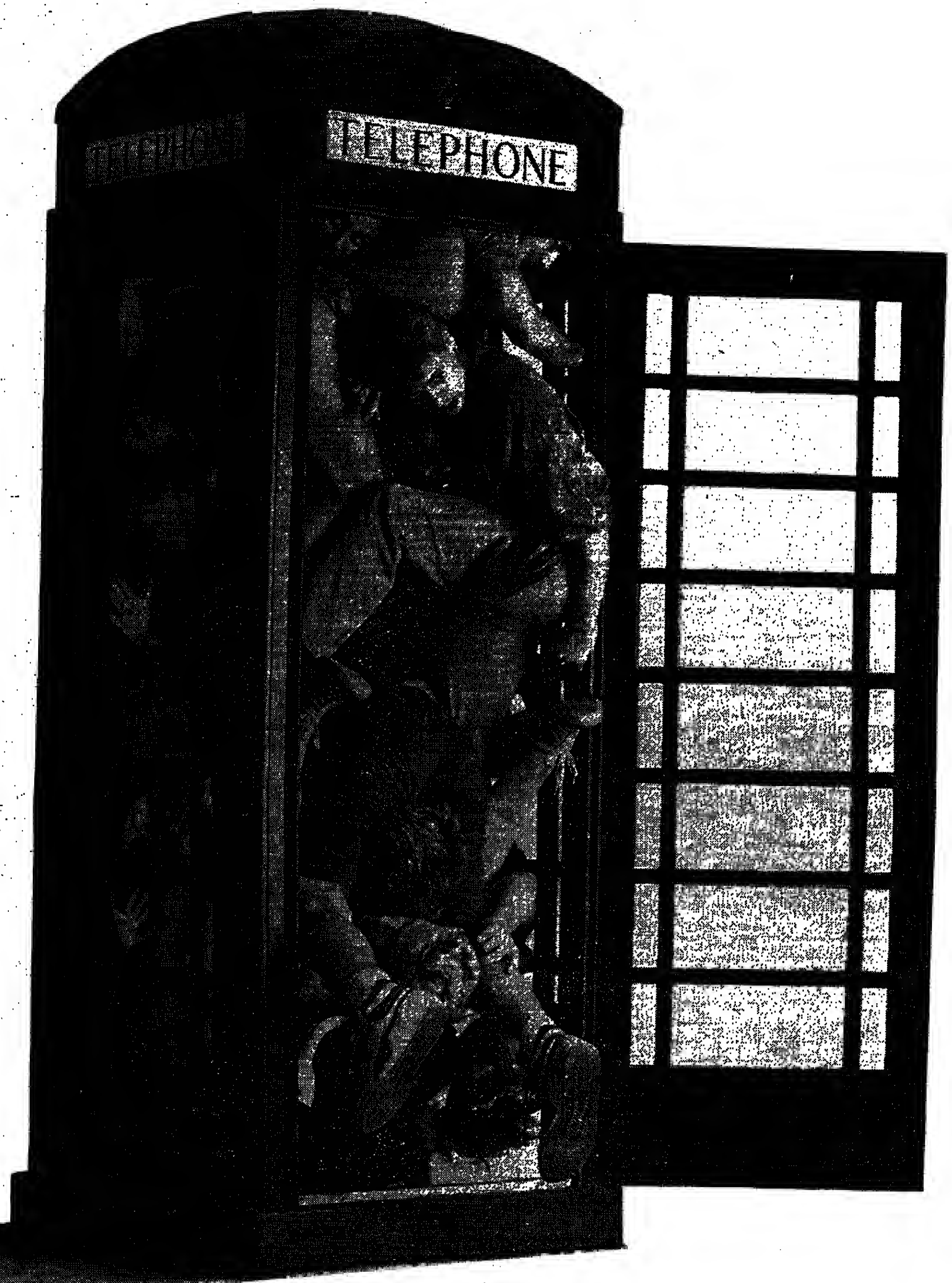
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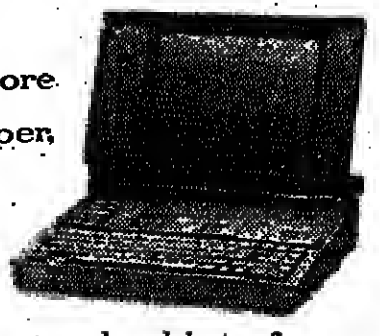
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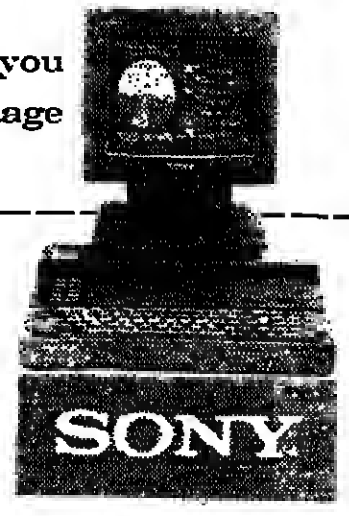
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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share	1334.3 (+9.7)
FT-SE 100	1680.3 (+9.6)
Bargains	21411
USM (Datastream)	126.99 (-0.14)
THE POUND	
US Dollar	1.5050 (+0.0045)
W German mark	3.0544 (+0.0129)
Trade-weighted	71.7 (+0.3)

SPP buys Sykes

SPP, which supplies fire fighting equipment, is nearly doubling its size with the acquisition of Henry Sykes, one of the country's largest suppliers of pumps used by mines, quarries and water authorities.

SPP is paying £4.2 million but will claim most of its costs by rationalization, mainly through closing its Reading plant and relocating to the Henry Sykes factory at Gloucestershire. Over 200 jobs will go as part of the transfer.

Henry Sykes, part of the Alco Standard group, last year earned pretax profits of £144,000 on turnover of almost £22 million. SPP, which yesterday reported half time profits slightly down at £1.44 million on turnover of nearly £18 million, is expecting to substantially improve the performance of Henry Sykes.

Cadbury up

The benefits of the restructuring of the Cadbury Schweppes group are beginning to show through in profits. The group announced that trading profit was up 9.7 per cent to £48.7 million for the six months to June 14, 1986, while lower interest charges allowed pretax profit to rise 27 per cent to £43.1 million. *Times, page 22*

Groveball halt

Groveball, the motor dealer and medical equipment supplier, halted dealings in its shares last night after receivers moved in at several of its subsidiaries. At the suspension price of 5p, the business is valued at £1.8 million.

Rivlin in talks

Talks between ID & S Rivlin and Marlborough Property Holdings may lead to a recommended offer by Rivlin for Marlborough. A further announcement will be made soon.

Coalite offer

The board of Hargreaves, the fuel and transport group, said it had noted Coalite's formal offer document and would send a detailed response soon.

TWD buys

Taylor Woodrow Developments, a subsidiary of Taylor Woodrow Property Company, has bought the site of the former Barkers Depository in South Kensington, London. It will develop 80 flats worth £16.5 million on completion.

German boost

West German industry orders rose 0.9 per cent in July after a 0.9 per cent rise in June.

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STOCK MARKETS

New York	1889.48 (+8.15)
Dow Jones	1889.48 (+8.15)
Tokyo	18559.64 (+54.19)
Nikkei Dow	1948.70 (+1.71)
Hong Kong	300.1 (+2.2)
Amsterdam Gen	1231.3 (+12.2)
Sydney AO	1085.3 (-8.3)
Brussels	3940.55 (+45.09)
Paris CAC	411.3 (+5.6)
Zurich	538.00 (+3.7)
SKA General	538.00 (+3.7)
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INTEREST RATES

London:	Bank Base: 10%
	3-month interbank 9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -9 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> %
	3-month eligible bills 9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -9 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> %
	buying rate
US:	Prime Rate 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> %
	Federal Funds 5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> %
	3-month Treasury Bills 5.22-5.20%
	30-year bonds 8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -8 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> %

CURRENCIES

London:	New York
£: \$1.5050	£: \$1.5050
£: DM3.0544	£: DM3.0544
£: ¥247.4712	£: ¥247.4712
£: FF110.0045	£: FF110.0045
£: Yen293.20	£: Yen293.20
£: index: 71.7	£: index: 71.7

Renewed growth around corner says Chancellor

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson, yesterday bit back at recent gloomy forecasts for the economy. There were already signs of renewed growth, he said, and the prospects for a resumption of sustainable growth next year were good.

Mr Lawson, addressing the annual dinner of the Scottish Confederation of British Industry in Glasgow, spoke with confidence of the continued revival of enterprise in Britain.

The economy had slowed down this year, he said, because of the initial dampening impact of lower oil prices on world activity.

"But the most recent monthly figures are more encouraging," he said, "with signs of renewed growth. My best judgement remains that what we have experienced is merely a brief pause, and that the outlook for next year and beyond remains good."

There were also signs of a pick-up in activity in West Germany, the Chancellor said.

Mr Lawson is on the side of the West German and Japanese authorities on the question of whether the world economy requires a boost to break into higher growth.

Policy makers in Bonn and Tokyo, taking the view that the economic recovery is about to occur, naturally have refused to bow to pressure from Washington to provide an additional economic stimulus.

Pound gains in strength

The pound strengthened yesterday in the wake of Wednesday's \$4 billion addition to the reserves through a massive fund-raising operation on the Euro-markets.

The pound rose 45 points to 31,5050 and by nearly two pence to DM3.0532. The sterling, helped by a firmer oil price above \$15 a barrel, rose 0.3 to 71.7.

The detailed second quarter balance of payments figures showed a current account surplus of £345 million, compared with £597 million in the first quarter. The cumulative first half surplus, of £942 million, is well below the Treasury forecast of a full-year surplus of £2.5 billion.

The invisible surplus was £1.96 billion in the second quarter, down from £2.06 billion in the first. The visible trade deficit widened to £1.61 billion from £1.46 billion.

The issue is likely to be an important one at the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank at the end of the month. But the Chancellor, on last night's showing, is unlikely to back the Americans.

In his speech last night, Mr Lawson did not directly refer to the balance of payments, and growing fears in financial

markets of a substantial shift into deficit next year. But excessive pay rises would damage the economy, he said. "Taking productivity growth into account, unit labour costs in British manufacturing industry are increasing far faster than those of our major competitors - in Germany and Japan, unit labour costs are hardly rising at all," he said.

"In a highly competitive world, at home as well as abroad, there is no way in which British industry can afford to allow its costs to rise faster than those of its competitors."

Figures released yesterday in the annual national income and expenditure Blue Book showed a slightly stronger growth picture last year than previously thought. The economy grew by 3.5 per cent, based on the average measure of gross domestic product, compared with an earlier estimate of 3.4 per cent.

Real incomes rose by nearly 3 per cent, but this was exceeded by the rise in consumer spending, which showed a volume increase of 3.5 per cent.

As a result, the proportion that people saved out of income - the saving ratio - fell last year to its lowest level since the early Seventies.

Spending on consumer durables was particularly strong last year, rising by 7.5 per cent in volume terms.

Bunzl in £197.4m rights issue

By Teresa Poole

Bunzl, the paper, plastics and transportation company, yesterday announced a £197.4 million rights issue - a sign that its ambitious takeover programme still has further to go.

The company said its ability to take advantage of attractive new opportunities and make further significant acquisitions for cash was constrained by its capital base.

In the past 18 months, Bunzl has bought 24 companies, including United Papers, Stewart Plastics and Robert Moss, at a total cost of £221 million, which has pushed borrowings up to almost £100 million.

Mr James White, managing director, said: "Our strategy is going to see a continuation of the pattern so far. We do not intend to use the proceeds for one blockbuster move." The chosen markets for expansion are Britain and the United States.

Bunzl also announced results for the first half of 1986, which showed a 43 per cent increase in pretax profits to £27.1 million on sales of £470 million, up from £406 million. A dividend increase of at least 20 per cent is forecast for the full year.

Terms of the rights issue are one new share at 195p for every three shares held. Net proceeds, after expenses, will be £190.8 million. Bunzl's shares, which at first fell to 213p, closed 12p lower at 223p.

Over the past five years, Mr White has reduced Bunzl's dependence on the manufacture of cigarette filters and built up a company with five strong operating divisions - distribution, merchanting, transportation, filters, and related industrial activities. There are now more than 100 operating companies, with around quarter of profits arising in the US.

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Nationwide announces plans for the new year

By Martin Baker

Nationwide Building Society has revealed its plans for the new year of financial freedoms for building societies.

It is the first major building society to indicate how it intends to exploit the opportunities available when the Building Societies Act 1986 comes into force in January.

Customers will be offered a measured, rather cautious package of services in 1987, although the possibility of more radical change in the future cannot be excluded.

The most significant development is in estate agency where the society is concluding the acquisition of 20 firms of estate agents with 260 offices around the country.

Many societies believe the estate agent's office is the key point in house transactions, providing an ideal opportunity to market mortgage and ancillary services.

Nationwide will provide a money transmission service, cheque book and guarantee card as well as personal loans, when it is allowed to offer unsecured credit.

US blocks imports of phone booths in steel quota dispute

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Like soldiers who have fought a bitter war, several of London's famed red telephone booths are lined up on a Los Angeles customs dock, victims of a bureaucratic battle over steel quotas which can only be described as a breakdown in communications.

All 30,000 of the cast iron booths, symbols as familiar to Americans as the British bobby and the London cabbie, have been purchased by London Telephone Box Company, a firm which hopes to sell the booths here for up to \$3,000 (£2,000) each.

Several of the 1,500 lbs booths have already made their way on to the US market where they were snapped up by eager Americans, who plan to use them as garden ornaments or household curiosities.

Suddenly the transatlantic flow of booths, scheduled to continue over the next seven years as British Telecom phases them out of the London scene, came to a grinding halt.

The long arm of US customs officials reached out and reclassified the booths as fabricated steel in a category called "other - other" in a complex agreement restricting European steel imports into the United States.

The booths have now become an international incident with US, British and European Community officials hovering in private meetings and speeding telexes across the Atlantic in a desperate effort to resolve the dispute.

A large part of the problem is communication. British officials maintain that by no stretch of the imagination can a cast iron box, made also of wood and glass, be classified as steel.

Officials said it is absurd to



Nigel Lawson: "We have experienced merely a brief pause and the outlook for next year and beyond remains good"

Directors slip in Euro pay league

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

British managing directors are slipping in the European Economic Community pay league. Judged on net salary after tax, they are down this year to sixth position from fifth in 1985.

In 12 months the net salary of the typical managing director of a company with a £10 million turnover rose by 5.0 per cent. If adjustment is made for the cost of living, the British managers' estimated £23,730 a year net just keeps them in fifth position.

The figures emerge from the latest annual survey of taxation and living costs by Inbucon, the management consultants.

On a broader comparison of 10 Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development countries, Inbucon points out that the British managing director is doing better, moving from twelfth to tenth position in the league.

However, the British pretax gross salary of £36,500 is still less than the take home net pay of managing directors in America (£37,530), Switzerland (£49,400) and France (£42,190). Worldwide, the Swiss remain the best-paid managers, with the French in second place.

In the EEC, French managers are the best paid, with salaries nearly double those in Britain, and even the Spanish do better than the British. Italian managers come second in the EEC with the Germans in third place.

Dutch managers, who had been seventh, moved into fifth

Sanctions may push coal up

World coal prices could rise by almost \$10 a tonne if the European Economic Community applied an effective ban on supplies from South Africa, according to Mr Allen Cook, chairman of the collieries committee of the South African Chamber of Mines.

The International Coal Report says Australian steaming coal fetched \$35 a tonne, FOB Europe, last week, while South African coal of slightly inferior quality cost \$30.50.

The coal sector would probably be the worst hit of all South Africa's export industries if sanctions were introduced. Coal earned the country about R3.1 billion (£832 million) last year.

US blocks imports of phone booths in steel quota dispute

extend an agreement, meant to cover heavy steel structural products such as bridges and oil rigs, to an "average" which is being sold in the States as an ornament.

However, ludicrous as it may sound, the incident of the booths is capable of creating great havoc.

If the telephone booths are counted against Britain's steel quota, other UK companies will lose out.

"We do not have much licence left for fabricated structures; a couple of phone booths could use it all up," said a British embassy official.

London Telephone Box Company, said yesterday if the dispute is not resolved quickly, it will be forced out of business.

A US customs official said all will be resolved when the British shippers send over new documents.

Underwriting loss of £115m for Lloyd's

By Lawrence Lever

Lloyd's of London, the world's biggest insurers, yesterday announced its second successive year of heavy underwriting losses on the back of an optimistic outlook for the future performance of the market.

Yesterday's underwriting loss of £115 million refers to the performance of the Lloyd's market in 1983 as Lloyd's traditionally calculates its account three years in arrears. Last year Lloyd's suffered its worst ever underwriting result - a loss of £188 million - on the 1982 account.

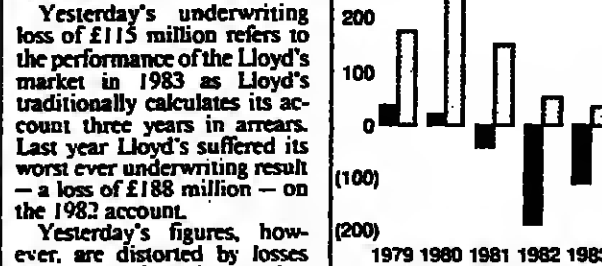
Yesterday's figures, however, are distorted by losses allocated to the stricken PCW syndicates for 1983. These are estimated at £143 million in the global statement, published yesterday.

The overall result for the market - taking into account investment income - was a profit of £35.8 million, a reduction of more than £20 million on the previous year's market surplus of £57 million.

This represents a return of 1.4 per cent on premium income, a result which Mr Peter Miller, chairman of Lloyd's, says in his statement to the accounts "cannot be satisfactory". He adds: "The profit of 7 per cent (excluding the PCW syndicates) begins to look acceptable."

The worst hit sector of the Lloyd's market was the marine account, which turned in an overall loss of £231 million after taking into account investment earnings.

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Contributory factors were asbestos claims and a number of catastrophes including Hurricane Alicia in the United States.

The results of the motor sector were also poor, with the overall profit down from £22.2 million to £6.8 million.

Mr Peter Stilwell, chairman of Lloyd's Motor Underwriters Association, said yesterday that the 9.4 per cent increase in premiums in 1984 was inadequate and that rates for 1986 would reveal a much higher percentage, producing heavy premium increases.

But Mr Miller, in his statement, says that Lloyd's, having doubled its premium capacity over the past three years, is well placed to take advantage of improving underwriting conditions.

Vital Allied bid to buy Hiram still on the boil

By Cliff Feltham

Allied-Lyons was still locked in negotiations to complete the £600 million purchase of Hiram Walker, the Canadian drinks business, last night despite some reports suggesting the deal - seen as a vital defence to ward off the Australian group Elders-IXL - was already wrapped up.

At the same time, Allied's share price fell sharply on the London stock market as speculation mounted that Elders, now given the go-ahead by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to bid for Allied, may prefer to buy the Courage brewing business instead.

Allied remains desperately keen to take over the wine and spirit arm of Hiram Walker which contains top selling brands such as Canadian Club, Ballantines, and Courvoisier.

Allied has been holding talks with Gulf Canada which won control of Hiram Walker Resources shortly after the previous management agreed to sell the business and then promptly blocked the sale.

An Allied spokesman in Canada was said yesterday to have reached agreement with Hiram Walker, but the British company would assume majority control, but to London a spokesman said this was not the case.

The Allied board would feel a lot more comfortable once the deal is done in the knowledge that it would make the group much larger and more difficult for Elders to acquire.

However, Elders has said if it decided to renew its bid for Allied it would hand the Canadian business back to Gulf Canada at the same price paid by Allied.

But there was rising speculation yesterday that Mr John Elliott, Elders' chief executive, may prefer to buy Courage from its new owners, Hanson Trust.

Hanson and Elders yesterday declined to comment on the possibilities but a price of around £1.3 billion has been suggested.

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Results for the half-year ended 30th June 1986

	Six months to 30th June 1986 £ thousands	Six months to 30th June 1985 £ thousands
Group Turnover	113,544	118,318
Group Profit before Taxation	10,447	9,100
Profit attributable to Ordinary Shareholders	6,461	4,947
Earnings per Ordinary Share	11.76p	9.72p
Interim Dividend	2.75p	2.50p

\* Group profit before tax up 14.8 per cent.  
\* Earnings per share increased by 21 per cent.  
\* Current trends are expected to continue for the rest of the year

Copies of the Interim Report are available from the Secretary

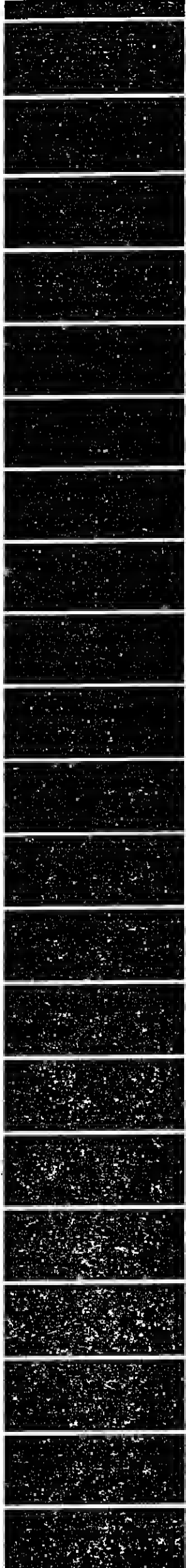
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BOOTS

The Boots Company PLC. Turnover in year ending 31 March 1986: £2,126,100,000. Source: Annual Report 29/3/86.



UNDERWOOD

Underwoods plc. Turnover in year ending 31 January 1986: £37,570,000. Source: Annual Report 20/3/86.

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WALL STREET

Dow gains continue in early trading

New York (Reuters) - Wall Street shares continued to move up in early trading yesterday, after the sharp gains in the previous day's trading. Retailers strengthened the market with buoyant sales figures for last month. A strong bond market also encouraged investors.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 6.61 points at 1,887.94. Advancing issues led

Table of stock market data including Dow Jones components and other indices. Columns include stock names and their respective values.

A340 to go ahead, says Airbus chief

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent. M Jean Pierson, president of Airbus Industrie, yesterday reaffirmed the group's decision to go ahead with the A340 long-range airliner to compete with the Boeing 747 jumbo jet.

Voice-systems planned for aircraft control

By Our Industrial Correspondent. Pilots will be able, within the next decade, to control their aircraft simply by speech, according to scientists at the Royal Aircraft Establishment.

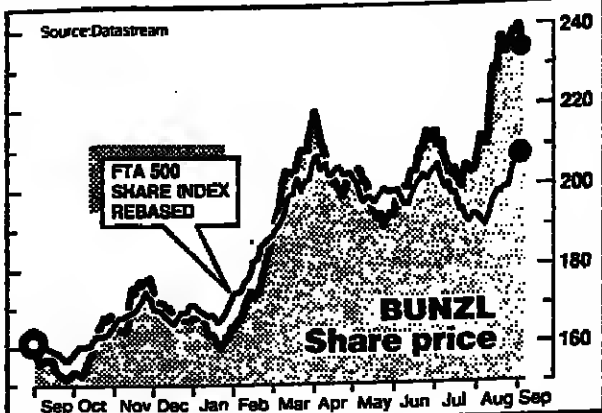
Shorts wins US orders

Shorts of Belfast has won orders for 16 of its 360 regional and commuter airliners from three United States customers.

TEMPUS

Slim Cadbury wants to grow

Cadbury Schweppes has slimmed itself down to its two main activities, confectionery and soft drinks, having disposed of £120 million worth of assets in non-core businesses and after spending £105 million on acquisitions (Canada Dry).



shares, which at one point had dropped to 213p, closed only 10p lower at 225p.

The money is needed to finance an undiminished appetite for acquisitions. Already this year there have been 14, bringing the total to 24 - at a cost of £221 million - since the February 1985 rights issue, which raised £55 million.

Sadly for Brammer's shareholders, who are hardly thriving through independence, no one major takeover is planned. Instead, Bunzl will concentrate on building its five divisions through the step-by-step approach already seen.

At first this is likely to mean purchases in the United States where the distribution business needs to expand in the west and east to account for 40 per cent of profits, compared with the 23 per cent in the first half and, with tax rates coming down next year, it believes that now is the time to buy.

Bunzl's strategy so far is clearly working. Of the 43 per cent improvement in pretax profits, about 16 per cent is represented by organic growth and the rest from acquisitions.

The new transport division, formerly United Parcels, has made almost as much in six months as in the previous full year, and the industrial division moved ahead from £1.4 million to £4.4 million.

On an annualized basis Bunzl's turnover is running at about £1.1 billion, and profits of £65 million look attainable.

Interim results for the half year to June 14 show a 27.5 per cent gain in pretax profit to £43.7 million. An important source of this improvement is the fall in the interest charge from £14.5 million to £8.7 million.

The cash from disposals gave £2 million of this, lower interest rates accounted for £2.1 million and the rest was attributable both to lower borrowings and exchange rates for once moving in the right direction.

With a 26 per cent market share in the British chocolate market, Cadbury has been obliged to look overseas for growth. Confectionery sales in the first half were buoyant in most parts of the world, while the group's difficulties in the US appear to have been largely overcome.

In the US, the management guilty of overselling to the trade in 1984 has been replaced with a new team.

The previous management's failure to stimulate demand from the consumer was directly responsible for the disastrous performance in 1985 when Cadbury was unable to sell much chocolate to wholesalers who were trying to clear out old lines before they went stale.

Stocks of chocolate in the trade have come down to normal levels, and new lines are being introduced with promotional back-up aimed at the consumer.

The benefits are apparent in a modest profit in North America for the interim period of £800,000, compared with a loss of £1.8 million last year.

The shares are on a prospective multiple of about 13.5. The price has been supported by speculative interest for the last few months and this shows no sign of going away.

Babcock International should make a pretax profit of £36 million for 1986 as a whole. At the current price of 183p, the shares are on a prospective multiple of 9.9 times. This rating takes no account of any orders for the power group, which would be regarded as a bonus, nor of the changing mix of business.

Bunzl has become as deft at issuing its own paper as at distributing other people's. Expectations of a few quiet months while the company digested yesterday. But a strong set of interim results eased the way for the hefty £197 million cash call and the

compared with 33 per cent in 1980. Trading profit for the first six months of 1986 was up by 29 per cent, to £18.3 million. However, the cost to the balance sheet has been heavy and the increase in the interest charge meant that the pretax profit rose by only 7 per cent, to £16 million.

Nevertheless, by the year-end, the debt-equity ratio should be similar to its end 1985 level of just under 40 per cent.

Babcock The familiar Babcock, a designer and manufacturer of power generators, is in decay. Rising, phoenix-like, from the ashes is the new Babcock, a producer of a range of engineering products, from automotive and furniture hardware to cable controls and chain products.

The company has been spending £5 million a year on restructuring and this process will continue. The new Babcock is now responsible for 41 per cent of group turnover and 55 per cent of group profit. It accounts for 51 per cent of capital employed

MANAGEMENT PROVEN IN THE MARKET PLACE. Cadbury Schweppes

Table of Interim Results: 24 Weeks ended 14th June 1986. Columns: Sales, Trading Profit, Profit before Tax, Earnings per Share, Dividends per Share. Rows: 1986, 1985, % Change.

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Cadbury Schweppes

- Canada Dry - World-wide rights acquired for \$140m (£93m). Dr. Pepper - \$17.5m (£12m) invested for 30% share. These two key investments give Cadbury Schweppes international leadership in the non-cola carbonated soft drinks market. Beverages & Foods Division sold for £97m. Cadbury Schweppes' New Zealand business sold to Cadbury Schweppes Australia in return for increased shareholding. Sale of the Health and Hygiene Division and other non core businesses will enable the company to concentrate on those businesses it knows best - confectionery and soft drinks. Increased earnings per share and an increased dividend highlight significant progress in the first half of 1986.

"I am confident that the progress made in the first six months will be continued throughout the year."

Table of SALES AND TRADING PROFIT BY GEOGRAPHICAL REGION. Columns: Half Year, Sales, Trading Profit. Rows: 1986, 1985, £m, % Change.

The cash dividend will be paid on October 27th to shareholders on the Register of Members at the close of business on 25th September 1986. A scrip alternative is available to shareholders. Copies of the full statement will be sent to all shareholders and further copies are available from Department S, The Secretary Cadbury Schweppes plc, 1-4 Connaught Place, London W2 2EX.

MANAGEMENT PROVEN IN THE MARKET PLACE. Cadbury Schweppes



# Dealers believe MEPC may be planning £100m 'rights'

By Michael Clark

The latest bout of euphoria in the equity market was revived yesterday by a big fund-raising exercise. The FT-SE 100, rose by 9.6 points to 1,680.3.

This whole sector has been the subject of constant bid talk in recent months with some of the big names in property being mentioned. The latest reports are suggesting that MEPC, the target of recent bid speculation, may be planning a £100 million-plus rights issue to finance a defensive acquisition. The experts claim the group may have already passed its slide-rule over

last, overnight rally on Wall Street. The FT index of 30 shares failed to hold its best levels of the day, but still closed 9.7 points up at 1,334.3. Its broader-based counterpart, the FT-SE 100, rose by 9.6 points to 1,680.3.

Investors appeared to shrug off the prospect of higher inflation and turned their attention to many of the consumer-related stocks. Foods, brewers and stores all met strong demand.

Even gifts attempted to rally following Wednesday's shake-out. Prices at the longer end of the market closed with gains ranging up to 1/4.

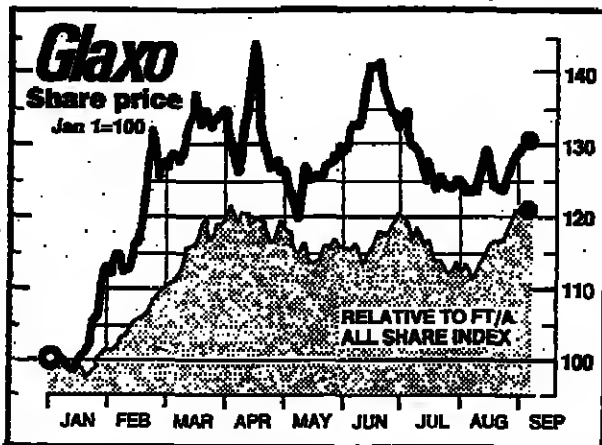
The former crude oil price also gave new heart to oil shares. BP stood out with a jump of 7p to 670p and may open sharply higher when trading resumes today. This follows heavy turnover of the shares in New York where the group enjoys an American Depository Receipt facility.

During the first few hours of trading on Wall Street, US investors had picked up over 2 million shares and clearly believe that the rating looks cheap compared with some of their own producers. Rival Shell scored an 8p rise at 953p.

Still reflecting recent bumper figures, Peninsular & Oriental rose by 5p to 546p, after 550p. Sir Jeffrey Sterling, the chairman, met a large number of fund managers at a seminar arranged by Hoare Govett, the broker, last night and obviously made a favourable impression. "P & O has £6 written all over it," was the comment of one leading broker.

But shares of Grovesend Group, the motor distributor, were suspended at a fresh low of 5p at the company's request, pending clarification of its financial position.

Glaxo responded positively to my mention yesterday, leaping by 37p to £104.2. Mr Chris Marsay, an analyst at



and is recommending them as a "buy" to clients. He believes the price still has room for improvement.

Still anxiously waiting to see if Elders IXL, the Australian brewer, will relaunch its bid following the all-clear from the Monopolies Commission, the shares of Allied Lyons came in for some profit-taking after their recent speculative run. They dipped 13p to 338p, where the group commands a price tag of £2.31 billion.

Last month, Allied's shares were trading at about 300p. Some brokers estimate that Elders, well known for its Fosters lager, will have to bid about 400p a share.

Mr Cowan, de Groot, the electrical wholesaler and toy importer, where Way White's Mr Philip Birch owns a 7 per cent stake, is again enjoying strong institutional support. Fielding Newsome-Smith, the broker, recently placed 1 million shares with four institutions and other fund managers as now expressing interest.

But already there are whispers in the market that Elders has decided to look elsewhere in Britain to expand its interests. One suggestion is that it is in talks with Hanson Trust about its Courage brewery interests. Hanson acquired Courage earlier this year after bidding £2.1 billion for Imperial Group.

Some marketmen claim that Hanson is asking for between £1.3 billion and £1.5 billion and may also be having talks with Anheuser-Busch, the US brewer of Budweiser.

But the sale of Courage could be overshadowed by the proposed Monopolies Commission's inquiry into the tied-house system for pubs. Elders, which is quoted to London, fell 8p to 190p, while Hanson firmed 1p to 192p.

# COMMENT Treasury has second thoughts on sterling

The opportunist move by the Treasury to borrow \$4 billion to bolster Britain's foreign exchange reserves at favourable rates has unleashed much speculation about Britain's exchange rate policy. At one extreme, the Treasury is naturally anxious to play down any significance. At the other, Roger Bootle, chief economist at Lloyds Merchant Bank, suggests that Britain may again be on the brink of full membership of the European Monetary System.

exchange rate to take the strain instead of raising interest rates.

But the exchange rate became the prime indicator of financial conditions when monetary signals grew more confused than ever. Informal moving targets for sterling have been maintained. If sterling no longer seemed to matter to the Treasury, on the ground that its weakness is due to the fear of Neil Kinnock, then markets are sooner or later going to see the pound as a juicy speculative target. And that would threaten renewed inflation and the record of financial stability.

Anything is possible and Mr Bootle makes a perfectly good case for aligning sterling with the mark and franc this autumn. Sterling has fallen sharply against the EMS currencies to help Britain's trade balance within the European Community - even though it would have further to fall against the mark on tests of purchasing power.

The pound's present state of weakness makes it harder for the Chancellor to cut out high interest rates or follow cuts elsewhere. Joining the EMS exchange rate mechanism would give the pound the backing not just of the extra \$4 billion, but of the whole European monetary co-operation fund. And that would, Mr Bootle believes, allow a 2 point cut in British interest rates.

How much better to open another option by boosting the reserves to \$23 billion, still a modest amount since a fifth is committed to the European fund and some of the rest is not available for market operations to support the pound.

Like the similar \$2.5 billion raised a year ago, the \$4 billion should not cost anything much, since the proceeds are invested in dollar markets. The taxpayer might even make a profit. By the same token, there is no net effect on the borrowing requirement or on the money supply. Only if these reserves were used to support sterling - when the dollars would be converted into pounds - would they have to be paid for and come into the domestic reckoning, if the new money was not, as the jargon has it, "sterilized".

While the details may be oew, the case for joining has been convincing for years. But British governments have fought shy and Margaret Thatcher personally stopped the last bandwagon in its tracks.

At that time, the prime minister explained that, in the event of political uncertainty threatening the pound, she wanted the option of allowing the

This is a good way of building reserves, which have been run down. Otherwise, whenever the pound is strong there is a temptation for the authorities to sell sterling to bolster reserves. And those operations have sometimes given markets quite the wrong signal.

# Women need direction

A corporate woman rampaging to success in what appears to be less and less of a man's world always catches the headlines. The statistics are less encouraging, at any rate for those women who feel they deserve a better place in business.

The number of women in top management has dropped 3 per cent to 10 years, according to Government statistics. In 1975, almost a tenth of general management were women; now they account for only one in 16.

Women directors are a rarer breed than one might think: only 2.5 per cent of company directors in the UK are women.

It is clear that the cause of the corporate woman is a provocative one. The Institute of Directors ran a conference towards the end of last year on the paths to power for women. It was a sell-out. The IOD is now planning another for this autumn. This time top business women will be regaled with advice and practical help on how to get appointed to the board either as an executive or non-executive director.

But surely among that vast population of small businesses, growing through careful tending from Royalty and the Government downwards, there are many more women running their own show? Perhaps, but take franchising where some statistics have been pulled together. According to the British Franchise Association, there

are about 300 women franchisees - at best only about 5 per cent of the total. Womeo franchisors running master businesses can apparently just about be counted on one hand.

There will be a special spotlight on how to get the most out of the public appointments system.

Mind you, among the five speakers named so far only one is a woman. And the chairman is a chap. It sounds like the same old story.

## RECENT ISSUES

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## FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES		DOLLAR SPOT RATES	
Market rates	Market rates	1 month	3 months
day's range	close	1.52-1.49p/ptm	1.52-1.49p/ptm
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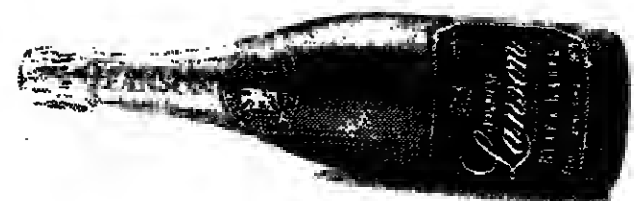
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# Heron director moves to Hollis

Hollis: Mr Colin Robinson becomes joint managing director of the furniture and timber division.

Heron Motor Group: Mr John Turner has been made managing director, succeeding Mr Colin Robinson.

Durrant Piesse: Mr Noel D. Campbell is now a partner.

MBS: Mr David Downes has been appointed finance director.

Joynson-Hicks: Mr Anthony Lewis has become senior partner, succeeding Miss Rosina Harris.

Dweck Group: Mr Thomas Forsyth has been made group finance director.

Glaxo Inc: Dr Ernest Mario is now president and chief operating officer.

IBL: Mr John T Mounsey has been appointed managing director of IBL (UK).

Gateway: Mr KW Edwards has become chairman. Mr DM Fisher and Mr P Thistleton both become managing directors.

Quintana: Mr R Quintana is finance director. Mr MR Hepworth becomes operations director of foodmarkets.

McKenzie: Mr M McKenzie is operations director of superstores. Mr T Arnold is provisions director.

RD Reason: Mr RD Reason becomes meat director. Mr JF Ridgwell is fresh produce director.

PG Petrials: Mr PG Petrials is property and development director. Mr PA Fisher becomes personnel director.

BMJ: Mr BMJ becomes distribution director. Mr JP Toal is special projects director and managing director of Shoppers Paradise.

MG Moloney: Mr MG Moloney is group buying director. Mr BK Simpson is systems director. Mr DAG



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Moak, Mr AB Butler, Mr AS Perelman and Mr F Dee are non-executive directors.

Arthur Andersen & Co: Mr Verone Ellis has been appointed managing partner, succeeding Mr Martio Vanderstee.

Thorn EMI: Mr Ian Christians has become director of strategic development.

Guinness & Mahon: Mr Michael Murphy has been appointed a director and will become chairman on October 1. Mr James Ursell is to be deputy chairman.

Appleton Holdings: Mr C Bentley Smith has become chairman and chief executive. Mrs Denise Orgee becomes sales director and Miss Juliette Wheeler associate director.

Export Guarantees Advisory Council: Mr Peter Leslie has been named as deputy chairman.

Cotterill: Mr Roy C G Cotterill becomes chairman and chief executive.

Turner & Newall: Mr Greenville Hampshire has joined the board of BIP Chemicals.

# £143m PCW blow to Lloyd's profits

By Lawrence Lever

Lloyd's global results for 1983, published yesterday, would look vastly different were it not for the fact that they include losses on the troubled PCW syndicates.

The PCW losses for the 1983 underwriting year were £143 million and converted an actual underwriting profit of £28 million into a £115 million loss. The overall result, including investment income, would have been a £179 million profit but for PCW. Instead it is about £36 million.

The 1983 PCW loss is the worst that will emerge from the troubled syndicates and follow losses of £73 million in the previous underwriting year. The notes to the 1983 accounts estimate that PCW losses for 1984 will be less than £10 million.

At the moment, Lloyd's has earmarked about £235 million from its central fund, a policyholders' protection fund, to meet PCW losses, which result from an, as yet unquantified, mixture of fraud and bad underwriting.

The syndicates also insured a very high proportion of North American liability business, which has been very unprofitable in the past few years.

The global figures reflect the total returns from all classes of insurance business transacted at Lloyd's. The figures are shown three years in arrears, the traditional accounting

method used by Lloyd's which allows time for claims to filter through.

Lloyd's breaks down its classes of insurance into only four categories: marine, non-marine, aviation and motor. It is obliged by statute, however, to divide its business into nine different types of insurance for its global statement, and these categories are shown in our table.

The table shows Lloyd's made an overall profit (including investment income) in eight of the nine classes, the one exception being general liability which takes in matters such as professional indemnity insurance and product liability. Once again, this suffered from very large asbestos claims from the United States and, more generally, from the American negligence and product liability laws which are more favourable towards the claimant than the English legal system.

The general liability sector accounts for approximately 12 per cent of the total premium income generated at Lloyd's. Mr Peter Miller, the Lloyd's chairman, in his statement included with the report, said: "Were the underwriting environment for this class of business not to have improved, it would be inconceivable that any underwriter would remain in the class".

The improvements which

he was referring to are signs of increasing realism in the North American liability market where reforms to the law of tort ought to make recovery by claimants less easy than at present. At the same time, underwriters are changing the way in which they write policies on this sort of business as well as the charges made for it.

Mr Robio Jackson, chairman of Lloyd's Underwriters Non-Marine Association, however, cautioned against regarding the North American problem as already solved. He said he wanted to see the changes to the legal system implemented and the results of those changes to come through first. "It is not yet time to give credit for the tort law reform," he said.

Another sector giving cause for concern, although managing to show an overall profit of £6.8 million, is the motor sector. The 1983 profits are the lowest for a number of years, down from £22 million in 1982 and £40 million in 1981. This sector is not affected by the PCW results.

Mr Peter Striwell, chairman of the Lloyd's Motor Underwriters Association, said in a statement accompanying the global figures that the prognosis for the immediate future was not good. Any expectation of an improvement for the years 1984 and 1985 would be extremely rash," he said.

TOTAL—ALL CLASSES COMBINED	1983(£m)	1982(£m)	1981(£m)	1980(£m)
Premiums	2,569.64	2,892.48	2,258.25	1,962.29
Underwriting profit/(loss)	(114.89)	(187.94)	(43.52)	21.75
Investment income and appreciation	416.89	441.98	361.40	374.43
Profit including PCW syndicates	35.80	57.01	151.88	263.82
Profit excluding PCW syndicates	179.14	130.23	n/a	n/a
<b>ACCIDENT AND HEALTH</b>				
Premiums	188.38	169.75	108.35	83.04
Profit including PCW	13.16	(1.04)	15.12	24.66
Profit excluding PCW	14.13	(0.93)	n/a	n/a
<b>MOTOR, DAMAGE AND LIABILITY</b>				
Premiums	283.44	273.59	265.21	237.06
Profit including PCW	5.87	22.25	4.59	36.18
Profit excluding PCW	6.87	22.25	n/a	n/a
<b>AIRCRAFT DAMAGE AND LIABILITY</b>				
Premiums	188.67	241.96	173.50	121.02
Profit/(loss) including PCW	23.67	25.93	7.42	(9.02)
Profit excluding PCW	22.14	27.14	n/a	n/a
<b>SHIPS, DAMAGE AND LIABILITY</b>				
Premiums	788.47	910.76	683.45	528.85
Profit including PCW	217.22	183.88	104.28	105.72
Profit excluding PCW	246.52	167.52	n/a	n/a
<b>GOODS IN TRANSIT</b>				
Premiums	254.28	294.03	253.94	231.34
Profit/(loss) including PCW	18.94	38.41	(19.59)	68.58
Profit excluding PCW	11.94	47.74	n/a	n/a
<b>PROPERTY DAMAGE</b>				
Premiums	570.43	653.48	510.61	434.05
Profit including PCW	40.54	95.52	112.45	69.15
Profit excluding PCW	48.70	93.20	n/a	n/a
<b>GENERAL LIABILITY</b>				
Premiums	312.43	348.15	280.82	223.15
Profit/(loss) including PCW	(285.50)	(314.39)	(108.57)	(32.14)
Profit/(loss) excluding PCW	(172.16)	(226.87)	n/a	n/a
<b>PECUNIARY LOSS</b>				
Premiums	0.66	0.53	0.42	0.32
Profit/(loss) including PCW	0.22	(0.17)	(0.05)	0.08
Profit/(loss) excluding PCW	0.22	(0.17)	n/a	n/a
<b>LIFE</b>				
Premiums	2.89	2.23	1.95	1.46
Profit including PCW	0.78	0.62	0.43	0.61
Profit excluding PCW	0.78	0.62	n/a	n/a

## COMPANY NEWS

### Cookson rises to peak £43m in first half

Pretax profits of the London-based Cookson Group, which makes specialist materials for industry, rose from £36.6 million to £43 million in the first half of this year. Sales expanded from £451.2 million to £458.3 million.

The interim dividend is being raised from 2.4p to 2.75p. It will be paid on November 28. Earnings per share were up from 18.8p to 19.4p. Comparative figures have been restated.

The board reports that the results for the half-year are a fresh record, continuing the progress which the group has achieved in recent years. The further improvement in the operating profitability of the subsidiaries was mainly in the Fry division and the ceramics and antimony sections.

Cookson's materials division experienced difficult conditions and was affected by continuing development expenditure, but helped by a good contribution from the Horsell Group.

**METAL CLOSURES:** Six months to June 28. Interim dividend 2.2p (same). Turnover £39.25 million (£42.62 million). Pretax profit £2.02 million (£2.3 million). Earnings per share 4.9p (5.5p).

**WORLD OF LEATHER:** Half-year to June 30. Turnover £5.44 million (£4.34 million). Pretax profit £531,000 (£489,000). Earnings per share 4.3p (3.6p). The group's balance sheet and cash flow remain strong and the board looks forward to a continuation of growth in the full year.

**JAMES FISHER:** Six months to June 30 (comparisons restated). Interim dividend 1.65p (1.6p). Turnover £16.63 million (£22.93 million). Pretax profit £1.12 million (£2.87 million).

**PHOENIX TIMBER:** In a circular to shareholders concerning the results for the year to March 31 last, the open offer and the refinancing proposals announced recently, the board says it is not possible to make a dividend forecast but the directors hope to pay a dividend for the year ending March 31, 1987.

**THEME HOLDINGS:** Turnover for the six months to April 30 £1.65 million (£1.28 million). Pretax profit £51,000 (£15,000). The second half has opened strongly and the board expects that profits will exceed 1985.

**SANTOS:** Six months to June 30. Net profit Aus\$41.52 million (£17 million), against Aus\$64.61 million. Sales Aus\$218.73 million (Aus\$242.19 million). Other income Aus\$43.83 million (Aus\$25.02 million). Interim dividend 7 cents (9 cents).

**COLES MYER:** Year to July 27. Net profit Aus\$181.92 million (£74.46 million), against Aus\$126.3 million. Sales

Aus\$10.41 billion (Aus\$6.13 billion). Other income Aus\$47.42 million (Aus\$32.47 million). Total dividend unchanged at 21 cents.

**TIOXIDE:** Half-year to June 30 (comparisons restated). Turnover £242.69 million (£221.56 million). Pretax profit £52.11 million (£36.84 million). Earnings per share 93.4p (71.7p). The board reports that the firm trading conditions experienced throughout last year continued during the first half of 1986 and were the main contributor to a new record for the group.

**LONDON AND MANCHESTER GROUP:** Six months to June 30. Premium income ordinary branch £53.3 million (£51.6 million), industrial branch £15.9 million (£15.3 million) and general branch £6.3 million (£5.2 million). New business: annual premiums £1.69 million (£1.68 million), single premiums £25.83 million (£28.18 million), together providing sums assured of £351 million (£304 million). The figures at the half-year do not necessarily provide a reliable guide for the full year.

**PORTALS HOLDINGS:** Six months to June 30. Interim dividend 2.75p (2.5p, adjusted). Turnover £113.54 million (£118.31 million). Pretax profit £10.44 million (£9.1 million). Adjusted earnings per share basic, 11.76p (9.72p) and fully diluted 10.78p (8.91p).

**PENTOS:** Half-year to June 30. Interim dividend 0.22p (0.175p). Turnover £24.71 million (£21.31 million). Pretax profit £831,000 (£441,000). Earnings per share 1.36p (0.91p) and fully diluted 1.09p (0.80p). The board expects a material improvement in the results for the full year and is increasingly enthusiastic about the longer term potential of the business. In May, Pentos entered into a trading arrangement with a big US department store group for Athena Departments to be opened within its newly-established chain of speciality gift stores and it expects more than 20 of these Athena departments to be in operation by the end of the year.

**TOLLGATE HOLDINGS:** Year to June 30. Pretax profit R9.59 million (£2.72 million), against R6.37 million. Turnover R126.86 million (R107.75 million). Total dividend 29 cents (15 cents). Earnings per share 28.6 cents (18 cents). Turnover includes for a full year the turnover of the operations previously conducted by Associated Bus Holding, compared with six months for the previous year. An improvement in operating results and a lower interest charge both contributed to the improvement in earnings.

**TOR INVESTMENT TRUST:** Year to July 31. Total dividend 15.2p (13.82p) on the income shares. Dividend 15.2p (13.8p) on the capital shares. Net revenue £697,055 (£640,706). Net asset values (ex-dividend): income shares 115.30p (98.20p) and capital shares 83.1p (62.49p). Earnings per share: income shares 17.14p (15.71p) and capital shares 17.1p (15.7p).



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FOOTBALL: TROUBLESOME TIES FOR FIRST DIVISION CLUBS IN LITTLEWOODS CUP

Wimbledon meet old friends from their days as giantkillers

Wimbledon yesterday faced up to an unfamiliar challenge in the second round of the Littlewoods Cup. The former Southern League side, which has swept all the way to the top of the first division in nine seasons, are paired with fourth division leaders, Cambridge United.

As the manager, Dave Bassett, said: "This time roles are reversed. We are the team people want to beat, whereas in the past we have been the giantkillers. And to add some spice it is the first time we will have met Cambridge since our Southern League days."

Went to the bottom of the first division on Wednesday night, have home advantage first against the third division side, Port Vale. United, without a point from three games, disposed of the Porters club three seasons ago 3-0 on aggregate at the same stage.



Thomas replaces injured Norman

Thomas fills gap in Welsh squad

Martin Thomas, the Newcastle United goalkeeper, has been called up by Wales for next week's European Championship match against Finland in Helsinki. Thomas replaces Tony Norman, of Cardiff City, who has been struggling this season with Norman's Wales' third goalkeeper casualty: Neville Southall, of Everton, and Eddie Niedzwiedzki, of Chelsea, are both recovering from long-term club injuries.

DRAW FOR SECOND ROUND

Liverpool v Fulham
Luton Town v Cardiff City
Manchester United v Port Vale
Middlesbrough v Birmingham City

Shrewsbury Town v Stoke City

Southampton v Swindon Town
Sheff Wed v Leicester City
Walsall v Millwall
Watford v Rochdale
Wendavore v Northwich
York City v Chelsea

Feeling the sting of Saltash

The club most affected by the 81 suspensions that have just been handed out by the Football Association are blameless. And the double irony of Liskeard Athletic's plight in the Great Mills Western League is that Saltash, the club with the worst disciplinary record in the South West, may indirectly benefit from their rivals' handicap.

signed the two players, although their manager, Brian Hodge, was surprised by the length of the bans. "How we've got to get by until November and January without them," he said, "but to give the players credit, neither of them has even been spoken to by a referee since they've been with us."

Hodge, aged 42, is the League's longest-serving manager after 14 years in charge at Lux Park, where his playing days ended through injury. His 310 goals for Liskeard in nearly 400 games is still a club record.

Referee incurs the wrath of Hay

David Hay, the Celtic manager, is to make a written protest to the Scottish FA about the referee's handling of Wednesday night's Skol Cup tie at Aberdeen. Although Celtic reached the semi-finals on a penalty shoot-out against the cup holders, he was incensed by a number of decisions.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S RESULTS

FOOTBALL
FIRST DIVISION: Aston Villa 2, Luton 1; Leicester 2, Liverpool 1; Manchester City 2, Norwich 2; Newcastle 0, Queens Park Rangers 2.

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'Rebel' tour tops hectic agenda for home unions

The Welsh Rugby Union's general committee met yesterday and the Rugby Football Union full committee meets today. Both must give some thought to next month's International Board meeting on amateurism, when the representatives of the four home unions will expect a full exposition from New Zealand of the Cavaliers' tour to South Africa.

Liverpool slip lets in Londoners

Bryan Hamilton, a former Everton player, now manager of first division Leicester City, enjoyed the euphoria which accompanied his side's 2-1 victory over the League champions.

Injury robs Ulster of centre Hewitt

John Hewitt, Ulster's international centre, is not available for the match against the South of Scotland at Jedburgh tomorrow week for which the team will be announced on Sunday.

Bristol spirit lives on

There is a clear line drawn between clubs like Coventry, Bath and Leicester, who face top-class opposition every week, and those who enjoy the luxury of occasional fixtures against less demanding sides. The same is true of schools' rugby.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Salford must give Fulham players back

Salford, who had signed two Fulham players, Steve Hills and Dave Bullough, will not now be allowed to use them in a rugby league club's rescue from liquidation.

SPONSORSHIP

Help for the champions of the future

Ten possible champions of the future have received financial help from a scheme to aid in the development of British sport. The youngsters will share in a £10,000 sponsorship to help them fulfil their potential.

Some acts are difficult to follow: that of octogenarian father figure Enzo Ferrari is impossible

Il Commendatore is still in command

Money, while Michele Alboreto and Stefan Johansson set about their task of qualifying for Sunday's Italian Grand Prix, their every action in the pit road, let alone on the race track, cheered wildly by Ferrari banner-waving enthusiasts lining the Monza circuit, the man responsible for all the euphoria will be sitting alone in his office 100 miles away, but far from out of touch.

Racing is suffering from indigestion

And what of the crowded 16-race calendar? "You can die of starvation or indigestion. Now, grand prix racing is suffering badly from indigestion. But he is less worried about the prospect of some teams having to drop out through lack of finance. "Some of the best racing in the past has taken place with just four or five good teams," he recalls.

HOCKEY

Students boost England Under-21 trial

Three players who had to withdraw from the international tournament in East Germany, last June because of A-level examinations, are among the 28 players called up for the England Under-21 trials at Bedford tomorrow. England finished third without Lane Skismit, Lorraine Parker and Katherine Tillyard, all of whom are now preparing for the Home Countries Under-21 tournament in Cork on September 19 and 20.

BOWLS

Line into last eight

As the McCarthy and Stone national mixed pairs championship, at the Bradford Borough club on September 20 and 21, moves into its second round, Peter Line and Tony Alcock find themselves in the quarter-finals. Line is partnered by his wife, Wendy, the Commonwealth Games gold medal winner, and Alcock by Pat Bradley.

No believer in turbo-chargers

About the suggestion that John Barnard, who has just left his job as McLaren's chief designer, would soon be on the Ferrari payroll but operating from a base in Britain, he would only say that to take advantage of Britain's greater experience in aerodynamics, thanks to the spin-off from the aerospace industry, was always a possibility, but that his team's 1987 plans - including the driver line-up - would not be revealed until after the European part of the world championship comes to an end in Portugal later this month.

John Blunsden

Enzo Ferrari: frail yet razor-sharp relationship and high mutual respect. Nevertheless, he clearly laments the graduation of grand prix racing from an essentially sporting activity into one which is motivated largely by business interests.

Sharp makes team

Henry Sharp, from Leeds, is the only British player selected for the world amateur student rugby league team, against New Zealand at Auckland tomorrow, in the final game of the World Student Cup tournament.







Today's television and radio programmes

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM. Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Guy Michelmore in London and Kirk Ross in Brighton. Weather 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; summaries at 6.55; cartoon at 7.25; and pop music at 7.55. 8.45 Wacadey presented by Timmy Mallett. His guests are pop group Amazulu. 9.25 Thames news headlines followed by Wattoo. Wattoo. Cartoon. 9.45 Film: A Stitch in Time (1953) starring Norman ... 1.00 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and ... 1.30 Holey Cockey (11.45 Ceefax). 3.25 Songs of Praise from the Brighton seafloor (r) (Ceefax) 4.12 Regional ... 4.15 Dastardly and Muttley. Cartoon. (r) 4.25 Film: Friend or Foe. Continuing the Children's Film Foundation season, this story concerns a young London evacuee who, in 1940, are sent to the country. Their dislike of the Germans is tested when an enemy plane crashes and they find the injured airman. 5.35 The Krinkles Elektronik. Musical comedy show. 6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Nicolaus Witzsch. Weather. 6.25 Women: Tonight's guest list includes Bob Hoskins, Tim Healy, Cilla Jenkins, and, with a song and a chat, Barbara Cook. 7.35 Blankety Blank. Les Dawson presents the first in a new series of the game show. His guests are Lionel Blair, Felix ... 8.10 The Collyrs. Jeff and Fallon are whisked away on a Colby jet to a honeymoon in Jamaica. When the jet is hijacked by an idiotic interloper, when Fallon has her palm read by a beach woman who foreshadows a number of unpleasant events. (Ceefax) 9.00 News with John Humphrys and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather. 9.30 Call Me Mister. Episode of a television thriller. Starring Steve Bisley, David Blumber and Dulcie Leacock. (Ceefax) 10.50 Changing of the Guard. The world premiere of Jonathan Harvey's Madama of Winter and Spring, for orchestra and electronics. Commissioned by the BBC, the work involves 100 musicians of the BBC Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Peter ... 11.45 Film: Never Love a Stranger (1957) starring Stava McCQueen, A Harold Robbins drama. Frank Kane (John Drew Barrymore) is orphan who graduates from petty crime to be a top gangland boss, realises his days are numbered when his childhood friend, Martin ... 1.15 Weather.

TV-AM

6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Adrian Brown. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; summaries at 6.55; cartoon at 7.25; and pop music at 7.55. 8.45 Wacadey presented by Timmy Mallett. His guests are pop group Amazulu. 9.25 Thames news headlines followed by Wattoo. Wattoo. Cartoon. 9.45 Film: A Stitch in Time (1953) starring Norman ... 1.00 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and ... 1.30 Holey Cockey (11.45 Ceefax). 3.25 Songs of Praise from the Brighton seafloor (r) (Ceefax) 4.12 Regional ... 4.15 Dastardly and Muttley. Cartoon. (r) 4.25 Film: Friend or Foe. Continuing the Children's Film Foundation season, this story concerns a young London evacuee who, in 1940, are sent to the country. Their dislike of the Germans is tested when an enemy plane crashes and they find the injured airman. 5.35 The Krinkles Elektronik. Musical comedy show. 6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Nicolaus Witzsch. Weather. 6.25 Women: Tonight's guest list includes Bob Hoskins, Tim Healy, Cilla Jenkins, and, with a song and a chat, Barbara Cook. 7.35 Blankety Blank. Les Dawson presents the first in a new series of the game show. His guests are Lionel Blair, Felix ... 8.10 The Collyrs. Jeff and Fallon are whisked away on a Colby jet to a honeymoon in Jamaica. When the jet is hijacked by an idiotic interloper, when Fallon has her palm read by a beach woman who foreshadows a number of unpleasant events. (Ceefax) 9.00 News with John Humphrys and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather. 9.30 Call Me Mister. Episode of a television thriller. Starring Steve Bisley, David Blumber and Dulcie Leacock. (Ceefax) 10.50 Changing of the Guard. The world premiere of Jonathan Harvey's Madama of Winter and Spring, for orchestra and electronics. Commissioned by the BBC, the work involves 100 musicians of the BBC Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Peter ... 11.45 Film: Never Love a Stranger (1957) starring Stava McCQueen, A Harold Robbins drama. Frank Kane (John Drew Barrymore) is orphan who graduates from petty crime to be a top gangland boss, realises his days are numbered when his childhood friend, Martin ... 1.15 Weather.

BBC 2

6.55 Open University. Shorefields School - Facing Change 7.20 Weekend Outlook. Ends at 7.25. 9.00 Ceefax. 9.25 News summary with subtitles. Weather. 9.25 Film: To Trap a Spy (1965) starring Robert Vaughn and David McCallum. The first of a season of The Man From U.N.C.L.E. series. Napoleon Solo and G. Ilya Kuryakin dash into action when U.N.C.L.E. learn of a plot by the dastardly scientist genius, Vulcan, head of the infamous crime syndicate, W.A.S.P., to take over a newly-independent African state by assassinating the president. Directed by Don Medford. 6.55 Ebony. Vastiana Belfon examines some of the thriving and successful companies in the black business sector, and in the studio a panel of experts discuss how these benefit the community and give hope to the unemployed. 7.25 The Great Egg Race. Professor Heinz Wolff presents the second semi-final. Teams representing JJ Barker of Southfleet, Kent; building workers from Stamford; and Post Office workers from Gloucestershire, are each given the problem of making a breakfast using raw wheat, green coffee beans, beet sugar and a cow. The guest judge is Cynthia McArthur. 7.00 Scotch Farm's Play Your Cards Right. Game show where two of the funniest things Jeremy Beadle presents a selection of humorous sketches from television programmes and commercials from around the world. 8.10 International Athletics. The Ivo Van Damme Memorial Grand Prix meeting from the Heysel Stadium, Brussels, introduced by David Kelly with Brendan ... 8.30 Home to Roost. The first of a new series of the situation comedy starring John Thaw and Resca Dinsdale as a divorced father and his son, the latter, tonight, having trouble resisting the temptations of a new credit card. (Oracle) 9.00 To Have and to Hold. Episode two of the drama series about a married woman having a surrogate baby for her sister despite the misgivings of both husbands. (Oracle) 10.00 News at Ten with Leonard Parkin and Marilyn Lewis. Continuing the Making of Modern London. This first programme of the fourth and final series examines how the capital reached the height of its influence in the fifties. Followed by LWT News headlines. Night Heat. O'Brien becomes obsessed with bringing a gun runner to justice. Directed by Robert Stevens. 1.35 Night Thoughts.

CHOICE

breath-taking with and complexity, wrote Richard Morrison in The Times a technical and colourful tour de force. The highlight of tonight's live Prom concert (Radio 3, 7.30) is Sostakovich's Symphony No 1. Best of the rest on radio: the return of Steve Paine (Radio 4, 8.20pm), far and away the best radio programme about the newspaper industry, and the return of Any Questions? (Radio 4, 8.45pm) with a strong team of panellists and regular chairman John Timpon, who luffs wary audiences into a false sense of camaraderie with his affable introductions. But beware! He has a stick for every carrot, and therefore he is the ideal chairman. Peter Davalle

Radio 4

On Long wave. Stereo on VHF (s) 5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing. Weather. 6.10 Farming. 6.30 Top Prayer (r) 6.30 News. 6.30, 6.45, 6.55, 7.05, 7.15, 7.25, 7.35, 7.45, 7.55, 8.05, 8.15, 8.25, 8.35, 8.45, 8.55, 9.05, 9.15, 9.25, 9.35, 9.45, 9.55, 10.05, 10.15, 10.25, 10.35, 10.45, 10.55, 11.05, 11.15, 11.25, 11.35, 11.45, 11.55, 12.05, 12.15, 12.25, 12.35, 12.45, 12.55, 1.05, 1.15, 1.25, 1.35, 1.45, 1.55, 2.05, 2.15, 2.25, 2.35, 2.45, 2.55, 3.05, 3.15, 3.25, 3.35, 3.45, 3.55, 4.05, 4.15, 4.25, 4.35, 4.45, 4.55, 5.05, 5.15, 5.25, 5.35, 5.45, 5.55, 6.05, 6.15, 6.25, 6.35, 6.45, 6.55, 7.05, 7.15, 7.25, 7.35, 7.45, 7.55, 8.05, 8.15, 8.25, 8.35, 8.45, 8.55, 9.05, 9.15, 9.25, 9.35, 9.45, 9.55, 10.05, 10.15, 10.25, 10.35, 10.45, 10.55, 11.05, 11.15, 11.25, 11.35, 11.45, 11.55, 12.05, 12.15, 12.25, 12.35, 12.45, 12.55, 1.05, 1.15, 1.25, 1.35, 1.45, 1.55, 2.05, 2.15, 2.25, 2.35, 2.45, 2.55, 3.05, 3.15, 3.25, 3.35, 3.45, 3.55, 4.05, 4.15, 4.25, 4.35, 4.45, 4.55, 5.05, 5.15, 5.25, 5.35, 5.45, 5.55, 6.05, 6.15, 6.25, 6.35, 6.45, 6.55, 7.05, 7.15, 7.25, 7.35, 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SPORT

US Open poised to settle some difficult questions

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, New York

The United States Championships, the last grand slam tournament of the year, are poised for a big finish that should settle the arguments about Ivan Lendl and Boris Becker on the one hand and Martina Navratilova, Chris Lloyd and Steffi Graf on the other.

Graf, at a total cost of only 13 games. But Miss Graf beat her 6-2, 6-3 the last time they met, in Berlin last May. "That was on clay, which is my best surface."

here for the sixteenth consecutive year. These days she shows an increasing interest in keeping the rallies short and - having diligently practised the craft of putting the ball away - is no longer as much of a baseline player as she used to be.

Bevan holds tenuous lead

By Jenny MacArthur

Ros Bevan, a member of last year's gold medal winning Young Riders team and a pupil of Captain Mark Phillips, has a tenuous lead at the end of the first day of dressage at yesterday's Burghley Remy Martin horse trials.

Riding Peter Strong's 11-year-old Irish bred mare, Horton Venture, Miss Bevan, who spent most of last year based with the Range Rover team at Gatcombe Park, rode an accurate test which put her a fraction ahead of Angela Tucker on Good Value.

Mr Tucker soon decided that the 11-year-old horse might respond better to a lady's touch so passed him on to his wife, an experienced competitor whose youthful looks belie the fact that she competed at Burghley as long ago as 1971 when she finished eighth on Mooncoin in the European championships.

Another experienced competitor who made a good start to this tough three-day event was Tessa Martin-Bird who looks to have found a worthy successor to her former top horse, The Mountaineer, in the nine-year-old Autumn Light. They are lying fifth after a typically authoritative performance but are separated by only a fraction of a mark from Mandy Jenkins, a local rider with her 12-year-old Woden.



Morag and Sarah Cotton competing at the Burghley Remy Martin horse trials yesterday. (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Himself, who is attempting her fourth successive win. If the order is likely to change today it will be reshuffled even more violently by the end of Saturday's cross-country, described by Mark Todd, New Zealand's Olympic gold medalist, as "big and typically Burghley".

Hills are unlikely to hinder the progress of Lorna Clarke, for whom Burghley has proved a happy stamping ground - she won in 1967 and 1968. Although she is lying down the line with her first horse, Glentworth, who has never shone at the dressage stage, she has a good chance of joining the leaders tomorrow

Rono is here but not for the beer

Brussels

As if one joker in the pack was not enough, Said Aouita, who is as entertaining off the track as he is fast on it, says he is going for Steve Cram's 2,000 metres world record of 4min 51.39sec here tonight - while Cram will have run the 1,500 metres, at which Aouita holds the world record of 3min 29.46sec just beforehand.

But Henry Rono, of all people, has turned up again out of the big hicc yonder that is the Kenyan Rift Valley.

Rono was everything that Aouita is, and more, both on and off the track. Aouita holds two world records, and possibly three after tonight, but as John Walker, who is in the field tonight, and who was holder before Cram, knows, "It's not as easy as that."

Cram took only 0.01sec off Walker's time, set almost 10 years ago. But Rono set four world records in one amazing summer's running in 1978. And, after one retirement, he bettered his 5,000 metres world record in 1981.

Different grasp of reality

He has subsequently lost the 10,000 metres record to Fernando Mamede, and his 5,000 metres record, first to Dave Moorcroft, and now to Aouita. But his steeplechase and 3,000 metres records still stand, despite two pace-made attempts on the latter by Aouita in recent weeks, which left the Moroccan fractions of a second outside Rono's time of 7min 32.1sec.

It is as impossible to get a straight answer out of Rono as of Aouita. It is not that they do not tell the truth but that they, perhaps due to their cultures, have a different grasp of reality.

But Rono volunteered this opinion yesterday: "There's only two ways Aouita is going to break my 3,000 metres world record: cut the corners, or make the pace himself." That is typical Rono, half nonsense, half eminent good sense. Aouita has been drawn into the mistaken belief that he needs pacemakers. Rono proved, in his four world records, that they were not necessary.

Beer and women, Rono freely admits, were his downfall. Although, as he tucked into a few glasses in the bar here two nights ago, he decided it was only women.

The last time Rono had been sighted was in Germany two years ago, when he was 59 heavy he qualified for weight-watchers rather than world records. After several run-ins with the authorities, he retired back to Kenya.

But his farm has not been paying, and he decided to come back to what he does best. He moved to upstate New York in May, started running again and has lost 21 kilograms in three months. He has run three 10-kilometre road races in the last month, finishing 31st, fourth and then, incredibly, winning in Maryland in 28min 10sec last Sunday.

Disappearing into one of the bars

His talent cannot be denied. Previous experience dictates that, even at 34, he could still break a record. Or just as likely disappear into one of many bars. It is very unlikely that he will win the 10,000 metres tonight but he is the one that everyone's eyes will be on.

There is widespread sorrow that Cram and Aouita are not racing against each other, as had been promised since the start of the season. And it is unclear why. Cram said several days ago that he was running the 1,500 metres, "against whoever wants to turn up". But, in an uncommon show of prevarication, Aouita is coming forth with all sorts of reasons why he is running the 2,000 metres, none of which hold water.

Sebastian Coe has decided that he is too tired after the European championships to attempt a 5,000 metres here but Fatima Whitbread and Linford Christie, two more of Britain's gold medal winners from Stuttgart are competing tonight. But, although she says that she thinks her better event will be the long jump tonight, the highlight of this tense Ivo Van Damme Memorial will be Heike Drechsler against Evelyn Askford in the 200 metres.

Pat Butcher Athletics Correspondent

New weight provides Sibson with food for thought

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Putting on weight has never given Tony Sibson any trouble, thanks to generous helpings of Mars bars, cream buns and pop. Yet the world-ranked middleweight from Leicester had to struggle making 12st for his challenge for the World Boxing Council light-heavyweight title held by the Hackney strong man, Dennis Andries.

good. His pectorals strained against his shirt buttons. "Spinks had to put on weight to meet Larry Holmes and I got the name of Spinks's nutritional expert from Don King and he sent Tony the right kind of diet."

A pity Andries did not turn up to say his piece. It was the second time that that champion had failed to keep an appointment with the press. The bout will be held at Alexandra Pavilion on Wednesday. The north London arena will be dismantled in 1988 and boxing will move into the magnificent £40m new sports complex of the Alexandra Palace.

Hibernian trio win appeals

Three Hibernian players have made history in Scotland by winning their appeals against a sentence by the Scottish FA. It is the first time the Scottish Professional Footballers' Association have won an appeal case.

appaled against the two-point sentence imposed on them by the SFA for their part in the fracas during the premier division match between Hibernian and Rangers on the opening day of the season.

and, later, the SFA added two points to the disciplinary records of the 21 players involved in a centre circle brawl.

George McCluskey, Mark Fulton and Mickey Weir had

Graeme Soutess, the Rangers player/manager was sent off and eight others booked

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Problems mount for Villa

Aston Villa, who climbed off the bottom of the first division by beating Luton Wednesday night, have been hit by a triple blow.

Their midfield player, Andy Blair, is likely to be out for six weeks with torn knee ligaments after the game. Neale Cooper, their £350,000 signing from Aberdeen, who has yet to play for the club because he did not arrive at the course in time to have his customary sauna to help him meet the bodyweight limit, is only one player who daily has to sweat off extra pounds.

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Villa are at home to Oxford on Saturday and manager, Graham Turner, has to decide whether to keep transfer-listed two-goal substitute, Paul Kerr, in the line up.

Prolific goalscorer, Tammy Tynan, aged 30, yesterday joined Plymouth for the third time in his career for £35,000 from Rotherham. The Liverpool-born forward scored 10 goals in nine games and clinched promotion to the second division for the Devon club at the end of last season while on loan from Rotherham.

Tynan was signed by his former manager, Bobby Moncur, for £55,000 from Newport three years ago and broke Plymouth's post-war League scoring record with 31 goals before he was transferred, at his own request, to Rotherham last summer. Plymouth manager, Dave Smith, said: "It's great to have him back where he belongs - at this club." Tynan plays against Hull tomorrow.

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A boost for badminton

British Rail are to sponsor a badminton series featuring eight of the country's leading players. The event takes place in seven venues between October and February - Hemel Hempstead, Tonbridge, Ipswich, Torbay, Macclesfield, Telford and Grimsby. Two teams of four will compete for £1,300 each night. The players are Steve Baddeley, Darren Hall, Gillian Gowers, Gillian Clark, Andy Goode, Nora Perry, Gillian Gilks and Mike Tredgett.

The British Trout Association will add an extra incentive with an individual points table carrying an end-of-season prize of £1,000 to the winner.

Leicester tour

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SPORT IN BRIEF

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Landmark

The Mansfield Town defender, George Foster, will make his 400th Football League appearance against Chesterfield on Sunday, 13 years after doctors told him he would never play again. This

CCPR

Rates increase threaten sports clubs

The Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR) will today lobby the four main political parties over sports clubs' rates bills.

The CCPR claims that many sports clubs will be forced out of business because of recent rates increases. The four parties have been asked to consider 100 per cent rate relief for all sports clubs without a bar, and all youth sections of voluntary sports clubs. The CCPR has also recommended a 50 per cent reduction in rates for clubs with a bar.

Peter Lawson, the CCPR's secretary, said: "Without the voluntary sports clubs, there will be little opportunity to channel youthful energy and enthusiasm into sports coaching and competition. Competitive sport in schools is already at rock bottom. The British people want British youngsters to and it is the variety of sporting activity through the club system which can achieve this."